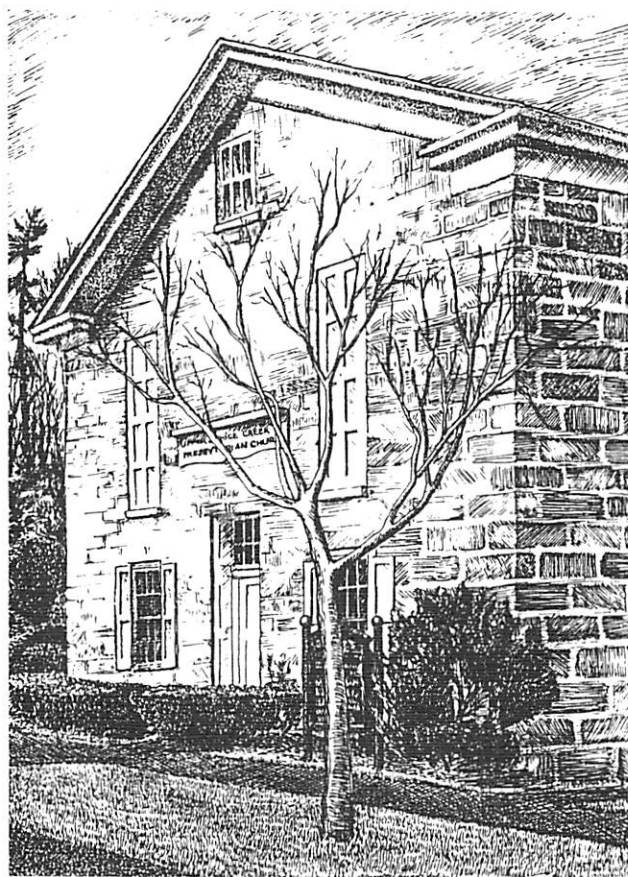
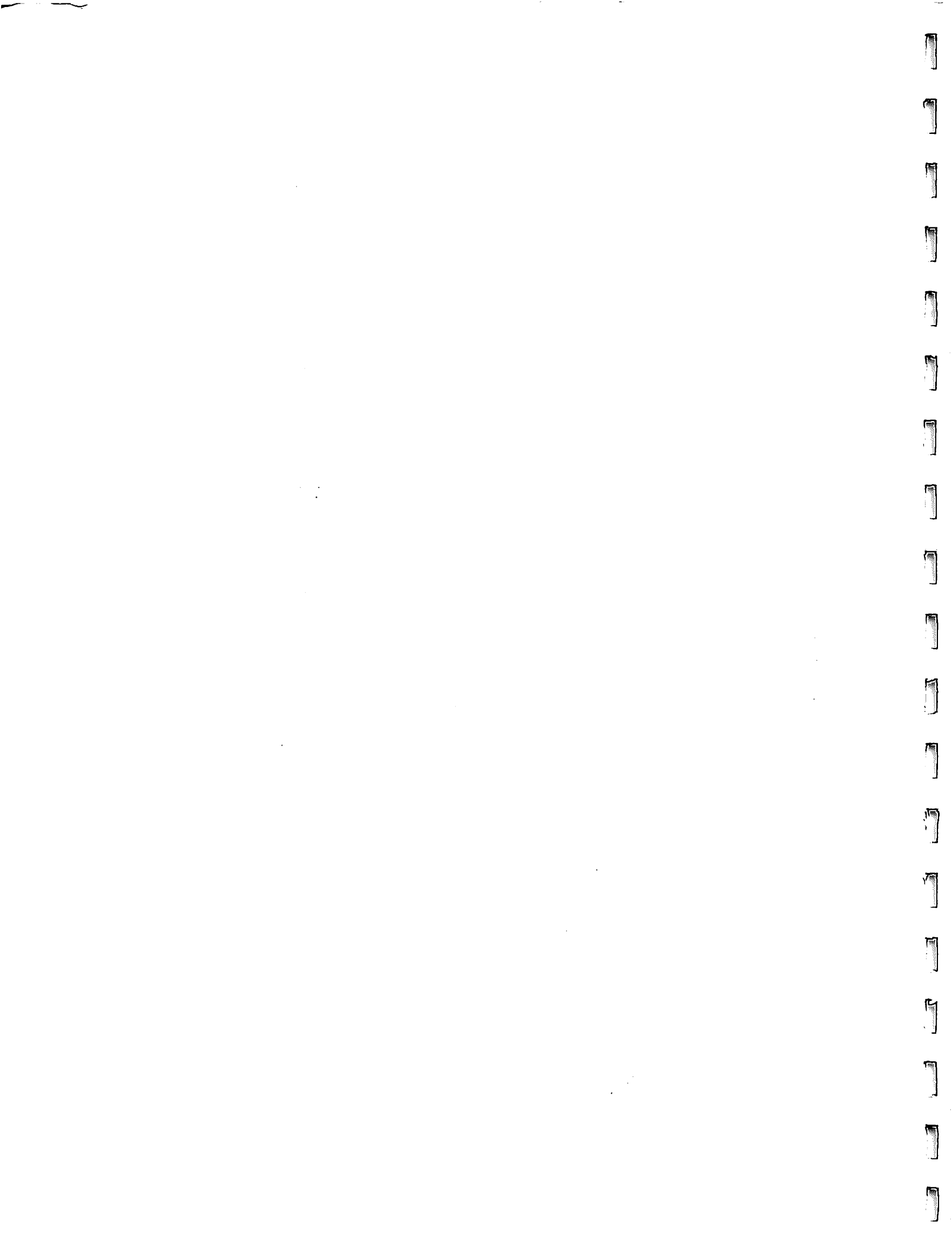


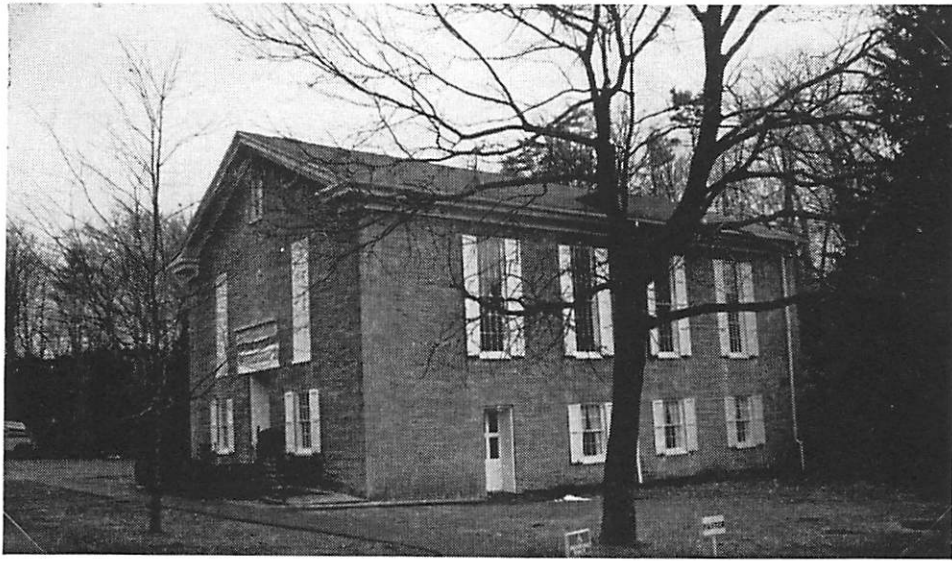
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History of the  
Upper Spruce Creek  
Presbyterian  
Congregation







*"Remember the days of old,  
think of the generations long ago;  
ask your father to recount it  
and your elders to tell you the tale.  
Deuteronomy 32, verse 7*

This booklet is a collection of documents of the past and histories of the church and congregation. As you read through it, you will find duplication of stories and events, but rather than try to edit or condense, the Book Committee and History Committee thought it best to let each author tell his or her own story in the language of the time it was written. This allows the reader to appreciate more fully life as it was in the early days of Upper Spruce Creek Church and the labors, sacrifices and faith it took to give us the church as we know it today.

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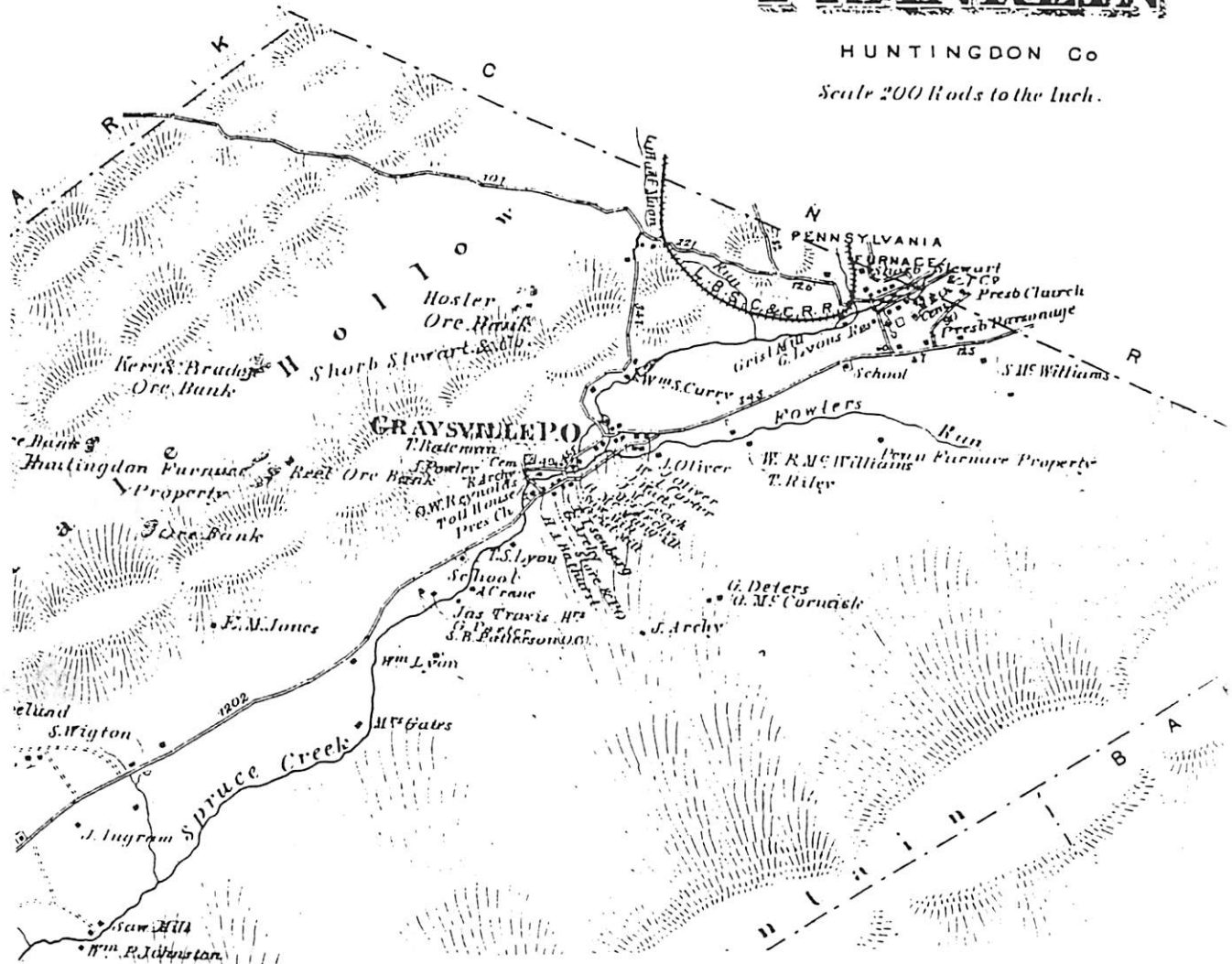
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Martin Gates & wife  
to  
Adam Rankin, John  
Ingram & John Bailey Jr,  
Trustees of the Spruce  
Creek, Presbyterian  
Congregation.

This Indenture made and concluded the  
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Gates and Eliza his wife, of the Township of Franklin  
in the County of Huntingdon State of Pennsylvania  
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Ingram and John Bailey Jr. Trustees of the  
Spruce Creek Congregation of Presbyterians, in  
the Township, County and State aforesaid, of

Photocopy of beginning of Church Deed filed in Huntingdon County Courthouse





## Deed

James Ewing & wife, Martin Gates & wife  
to  
Adam Rankin, John Ingram, John Bailey, Jr.  
Trustees of the Spruce Creek, Presbyterian Congregation

This Indenture made and concluded the twelfth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three, between James Ewing and Esther, his wife, and Martin Gates and Eliza, his wife, of the township of Franklin in the County of Huntingdon and State of Pennsylvania, of the one part and Adam Rankin, John Ingram and John Bailey, Jr., Trustees of the Spruce Creek Congregation of Presbyterians, in the township, county and state aforesaid, of the other part. Witnesseth that the said James Ewing and Esther his wife and Martin Gates and Eliza, his wife (tenants in common) for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to them in hand paid by the said trustees at and before the ensembling delivery of these presents the receipt and payment whereof they do hereby acknowledge and thereof forever acquit and discharge the said trustees and their successors in office hath granted, bargained, sold, aliened, engaged, released and confirmed and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, alien, engage, release and confirm unto the said Adam Rankin, John Ingram and John Bailey, Jr. and to their successors in office, a certain lot of grounds situate, lying and being in the township aforesaid adjoining other lands of the said trustees and the said James Ewing and Martin Gates, being bounded and described as follows, viz: beginning at a post by the public road South twenty-two degrees East twelve and seventeen hundredths perches to a post; thence South sixty-nine degrees East fourteen and nine tenths perches to a post; thence North sixty nine West thirteen perches to a post; thence North twenty eight degrees West thirteen perches to the place of beginning, containing twelve and two tenths perches. Being part of a tract of land granted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to Alexander Ewing by their Patent bearing date the sixth day of February, Anno Domini 1810, recorded in the Land Office in Patent Book H vol. 3 page 137 and a part of that part which the said Alexander Ewing by his last will and testament in writing did give and devise unto the said James Ewing and to John Ewing his sons to be equally divided between them according to quantity and quality, as by the said recited will recorded on the 15th day of April A.D. 1828 in Book N 3 page 243 remaining in the Register's Office in Huntingdon and the John Ewing by indenture and release under his hand and seal bearing date the fourth day of January A.D. 1843 did convey release and confirm to the said Martin Gates all his right, title, interest and claim of the said devised tract of land therein described, reference thereunto being had will more fully appear. Together with all and singular the building, improvements, right, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenance whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, and the revisions and remainder, rents, issues and profits thereof: and all the estate, right, title, interest, property claim and demand whatsoever of them the said James Ewing and Esther his wife and Martin Gates and Eliza his wife in law or equity or otherwise howsoever of, in to out of the same. To have and to hold the said lot of land hereditaments and premises hereby granted or mentioned or intended so to be with the appurtenances unto the said Adam Rankin, John Ingram and John Bailey, Jr., trustees as aforesaid and to their successors, to the only proper use, benefit and behoof of the said trustees and their successors forever for the use of the said Spruce Creek Congregation of Presbyterians. And the said James Ewing and Esther his wife and Martin Gates and Eliza his wife their heirs, executors and administrators do hereby covenant, promise, grant and agree to and with the said trustees and their successors by these presents that the said James Ewing and Esther his wife and Martin Gates and Eliza his wife and their heirs the above mentioned and described premises hereby granted or mentioned or intended so to be with the appurtenances unto the said trustees and their successors or assigns, against the said James Ewing and Esther his wife and Martin Gates and Eliza his wife and their heirs, and against all and every other person or persons whomsoever lawfully claiming and to claim the same or any part thereof shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents. In Witness thereof the said parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed and sealed and delivered in presence of  
Martha Ewing, James Travis at signature of J. &  
E. Ewing.  
John McWilliams witness to the signing of M. &  
E. Gates

*James Ewing (Seal) Martin Gates (Seal)*

*Her*

*Esther Ewing (Seal) Eliza X Gates (Seal)*  
*mark*

Received on the day of the date of the above indenture of and from the above named Adam Rankin, John Ingram and John Bailey, Jr. the sum of one dollar in full for the consideration money above mentioned .

Witness present James Travis

*James Ewing*  
*Martin Gates*

Huntingdon County.

Before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid, personally cameth above named James Ewing and Esther his wife and Martin Gates and Eliza his wife and acknowledged the above indenture to be their act and deed to the end that the same might be recorded as such. They the said Esther Ewing and Eliza Gates being of full age and by me separate and apart from their said husbands examined and the contents of the said indenture being by me made known to them on their said private examinations they declared that the voluntarily and of their own free will and accord and without any coercion on the part of their said husbands did sign seal and execute the same. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 17th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-three.

*James Travis, J.P.*

Recorded 17th June A.D. 1844

Agreement James Ewing and Chas. Montgomery Geo. Davis and Wm. Murray, Building Committee for the Spruce Creek Congregation.

Article of Agreement made and concluded upon the eighth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, between James Ewing and John Ewing of Franklin township in the County of Huntingdon and State of Pennsylvania, of the one part and Charles Montgomery, George Davis and Wm. Murray (of the same place) building committee for the Spruce Creek Congregation of the other part, as follows: the same James and John Ewing for and in consideration herein after mentioned doth promise, covenant, grant and agree to and with the said committee that they the said James and John Ewing shall and will by good and lawful deed well and sufficiently grant, convey and assure unto the Trustees of the said Spruce Creek Congregation and to their successors in office, all that lot of ground situate, laying and being in the township aforesaid and opposite the lot on which the old meeting house now stands (on the North): in consideration whereof the said committee (for and on behalf of the said congregation) doth promise, covenant and agree to and with the said James and John Ewing that they the said committee will well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said James and John Ewing at the rate of twenty-five dollars for each and every acre of land that may be in said lot. It is further agreed between said parties that the money is to be paid and the deed executed and delivered to the trustees on or before the first day of January next ensuing the date hereof. In Witness Whereof the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals the date first above written.

*Testees*  
*James Travis*

<i>James Ewing</i>	<i>(Seal)</i>	<i>Charles Montgomery</i>	<i>(Seal)</i>
		<i>George Davis</i>	<i>(Seal)</i>
		<i>Wm. Murray</i>	<i>(Seal)</i>

Huntingdon County, Pa.

Before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, personally came James Travis, Esqr. and being duly sworn as law directs deposeth and sayeth that he was present and saw the parties to the above article respectively sign their names thereto and at their request he the said James Travis signed his name as witness thereto, and further sayeth not. Sworn and subscribed this 18th day of December A.D. 1843.

Before me John Owens

*James Travis*

Recorded 17th June A.D. 1844.



## A Prosperous Church: Rededication Services of the Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church

The Presbyterians of Spruce Creek reopened their church at Graysville on Saturday, August 9. Since the 1st of March this church has been closed for repairs and the people have been worshipping in chapels at Colerain Forge and Pennsylvania Furnace. Meanwhile the church at Graysville has been much improved and adorned. The pews have been rearranged, the gallery lowered, the pulpit platform remodeled, the audience chamber wainscoted, the building pointed inside and outside, the walls and ceiling beautifully papered and the house refurnished with new carpet, new upholstering, new pulpit and chairs and new chandeliers. Much credit is due to the committee in whom the repairs were referred for their cultivated taste displayed in chaste combinations of form and color; also to the mechanics for the thorough workmanship exhibited in the details in which they wrought.

On Saturday a fine congregation consisting largely of the regular attendance occupied the pews. In the pulpit were Rev. J. A. Coale, of the Sinking Valley and Spruce Creek churches; Rev. J. C. Oliver, of the Lower Tuscarora church, whose aged parents are members of this congregation; Rev. R. Smith of the Lutheran Church and the pastor, J. C. Kelly. The services were opened with an invocation by Mr. Oliver; the Scripture was read by Mr. Smith, and a practical and impressive sermon was preached by Mr. Coale from Gal. v: 22, 23. After the sermon the congregation was organized into a business meeting and a statement was made by Mr. G. W. Reynolds in behalf of the Board of Trustees that the amount subscribed for repairs was \$871; that the expenses were \$1,172, leaving a balance of \$301 unprovided for. This, together with an old debt of \$150, made the total debt of the congregation \$451.

It was then announced that the rededication of the house to God was conditional upon the cancelling of the indebtedness. An appeal was made to the congregation to raise the amount on the spot, and noble and generous was the response. The contributions ranged from seventy dollars to five cents. Parents subscribed not only for themselves, but for their children. Gray-headed men called out the names of their grandchildren, and when the last grandchild's name was heard the announcement was

made that the amount had been raised and fifty dollars over! Then the congregation rose and sang the long meter doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and the services were closed with the benediction.

Sabbath morning the people assembled at the church with glad hearts and happy faces. Many visitors from neighboring congregations were present. At the commencement of the services a voluntary was beautifully rendered by a quartette of young people from Bellefonte. Mr. Oliver preached an admirable and exceedingly appropriate sermon from I Chron., xxix, 5: "And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?" After the sermon the pastor called upon the elders and trustees to take positions on either side of the pulpit, the members to rise in their pews and say whether it was their desire as officers and members of the church to give up this house, with the improvement put upon it, to God, henceforth to be a house of prayer and a temple to his praise? The congregation bowed their heads in assent, and then with prayers the house was solemnly dedicated to the Triune God.

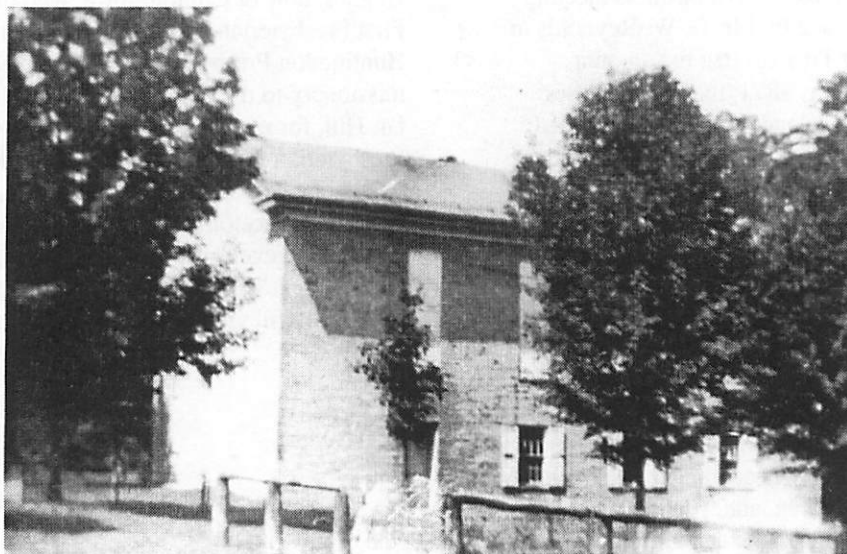
We are glad to note the successful rededication of the old church which has so long stood at the head of the churches of the Huntingdon Presbytery as a model of efficiency and liberality. It has embraced within its pastors such divines as Rev. Daniel L. Hughes, now of Clinton, Iowa, who organized the First Presbyterian in this city by order of the Huntingdon Presbytery; Rev. John Elliott, now missionary to the Choctaw nation of Indians; Rev. Dr. Hill, for many years pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church of Cincinnati, Ohio, now of Allegheny City, and Rev. S. S. Orvis, Professor of Greek in Princeton College, and its present efficient, faithful and every way popular pastor, Rev. J. C. Kelly. We predict for this old organization a new lease of useful vitality and power.

December 31, 1914 189

M. Stewart; Treasurer - Spruce Creek Aux. Soc.  
To Dr.

Terms

Dec. 12	Aux. Soc. Pledges for the year 1914	182	90		
	Collection for Medical Missions	14	29		
	Special offering for "Increase Work"	30	00	227	19
	To Daughters of Spruce Creek	93	12		
	Will Toy Branch cash	75	00	168	12
	for Hospital and Dr. Gohm	15		15	00
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## PROGRAMME.

### PART I.

Grand March	Instrumental
Opening Chorus	True to the Flag Columbia, Miss Belle Musser; Puritan, Eddie Elder; Quaker, Chas. Colobine; Dutchman, Harold McWilliams; Cavalier, Clarence Irvin.
Solo	Happy Greetings Columbia.
Recitation	Landing of the Pilgrims Sarah McWilliams, William Boop, Helen Lytle, Simon Boop, Bessie Reynolds.
Recitation	Within a Quiet Forest Glade Charles Colobine.
Dialogue	Colonial Tea Party Lady Washington, Miss Ella McWilliams; Mrs. Polly, Miss A. Mary Goheen; Mrs. Adams, Miss Bird Irvin; Mrs. Jones, Miss Maud Irvin; Simon Boop and John Gardner.
Song	We'll Pay the Fiddler Eddie Ramey, Simon Boop, William Boop.
Recitation	Historical Charles Colobine.
Recitation	Patriotic Eddie Elder.
Tableau	Liberty Bell
Solo	Old Liberty Bell Columbia.
Dialogue	Washington's Visit to Betsy Ross Miss Ross, Myra Miller; Dolly Ross, Sarah McWilliams; General Washington, Jay Sayers; Mr. Morris, Samuel Harshberger.
Solo	Trust God and Try Dolly Ross.
Recitation	Our Flag Helen Lytle.
Duet	The Patriot's Pledge Myra Miller, Julia Boop.
Music	Instrumental
Duet	Columbia and Britannia Myra Miller, Belle Musser.

### PART II.

#### Girls' Flag Drill.

Solo	Bring Beautiful Flowers Julia Boop.
Recitation	The Blue and the Gray Nora Goheen.
Duet	Only One Banner Myra Miller, Julia Boop.
Recitation	Historical Maud Irvin.
Solo	The Home of the Pioneers Bird Irvin.
Recitation	The Columbian Exposition Columbia, John Reesh, Roy Woomer, Julia Boop, Maud Irvin, Nora Goheen.
Song	Loyal Sailor Boys Eddie Ramey, Simon Boop, Will Boop, Harold McWilliams.
Music	Our Message to Spain Columbia, Myra Miller, Julia Boop, Bird Irvin.
Duet and Chorus	Cheer Old Glory Columbia and others.
Music	Instrumental Miss Mary Gardner, Mr. Eddie Woomer.
Tableau	Proud of Our Boys

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REV. R. M. CAMPBELL, Pastor.

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- \* Prayer Meeting at Graysville every Wednesday night. \*  
\* Prayer Meeting at Baileyville every Thursday night. \*

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G. W. REYNOLDS,  
JOHN M. WIGTON,\*  
M. F. GARDNER,

A. S. PETERSON,  
HENRY W. McCracken.

\*Clerk of Session.

## SUMMARY FOR 1903.

Sermons preached by the Pastor,	-	-	-	110
.. .. Rev. J. O. C. McCracken,	-	-	-	2
Whole number,	-	-	-	112

## PRAYER MEETINGS.

Led by the Pastor,	-	-	-	-	45
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## BAPTISMS.

Infants,	-	-	-	-	-	9
Adults,	-	-	-	-	-	4
Whole number,	-	-	-	-	-	13

## ADDED TO THE CHURCH.

On Examination,	-	-	-	-	-	11
On Certificate,	-	-	-	-	-	2
Whole number,	-	-	-	-	-	13

## REMOVED FROM THE ROLL.

By death	-	-	-	-	-	3
By certificate,	-	-	-	-	-	3
Whole number,	-	-	-	-	-	6

Number of Communicants,	-	-	-	-	164
Funerals attended by the Pastor,	-	-	-	-	8
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	3
Pastoral visits and visits to the sick,	-	-	-	-	30

Pastoral visits of 1904 will be made in February, March and December.

And let us consider one another, to provoke unto love and good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as ye see the day approaching. Heb. 10:25-26.

**Sermon preached Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 30th, 1876, in the Spruce Creek Church at Graysville, Pennsylvania by the Pastor Reverend Joseph C. Kelly**

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*"Only fear the Lord, and serve Him in truth with all your heart, for consider how great things he hath done for you." (1 Samuel 12:24)*

We are here today for a two-fold purpose, first, to recount the history of this church, second, to acknowledge our gratitude to God for the great things He hath done for us. With these objects in view, this text suits us precisely. The object of Samuel in thus addressing Israel was to enjoin upon them their obligation to serve and fear the Lord. And he bases this obligation upon the great things the Lord had done for them.

It will suit our purpose best to transpose the order of the text and mention, first, How great things He hath done for us, and second, by way of inference show our obligation to serve and fear Him. In telling of the great things He hath done for us as a congregation, it is difficult to know where to begin. It is somewhat unfortunate and has added much to the difficulty of my task that no records of the Spruce Creek Church are found of an earlier date than 1845. Facts for the quarter of a century preceding that date can be pretty well ascertained from the memory of persons now living. But for a knowledge of what occurred farther back than 1820 we are dependent upon such sources of information as Land Warrants, Church Receipts, Road Views, Household Traditions and incidental mention upon the minutes of the Huntingdon Presbytery and of the old Presbytery of Carlisle.

In the earlier history of Presbyterianism in the country, it appears that the churches among these mountains and along these streams were connected with, and subject to, the Presbytery of Carlisle. It was the custom then for such Presbyterian communities as was without a Pastor to send a "committee to make supplication to send them the gospel."

Accordingly, we find that in compliance with such a supplication Reverend Mathew Stevens preached by appointment of the Presbytery at Warriors Mark the fourth Sabbath of June 1786, just ninety years ago. This is the very earliest mention I have been able to find of Presbyterian preaching anywhere between the Tussey and Bald Eagle Mountains. The exact spot where that sermon was preached would be interesting to know, but every effort I have made to find it has proved a disappointment. Whether the sermon was preached in some good man's house, or, more likely, to the neighborhood gathered upon the floor of a rude barn, or more likely still, as it was the balmy month of June, under the leafy shade, dense and cool, of the virgin forest. Certain it is that somewhere among

these hills and valleys ninety years ago the name of Jesus was publicly proclaimed and Presbyterians united in singing Psalms of praise. But though the spot where the first sermon was preached remains unknown, there is no difficulty in locating the spot where probably not long afterward the first church was built. I have it from the memory of persons now living who received it from the lips of their fathers and mothers that the first church in all this country between the Little Juniata and the end of Nittany Mountain was built in the Dry Hollow about one mile south of Warriors Mark a half a mile west of the Ore Bank and near two springs, which are easily identified from the fact that they are the only springs to be found anywhere in the Dry Hollow.

This church was mentioned upon the old minutes of the Presbytery of Carlisle as the "Warrior Marks", not Warriors Mark as we now call it. It stood upon a triangular piece of land comprising fourteen acres owned by two Jews--Himon and Simon Gratz, who sold in 1808 to Judge Gloniger.

In company with Mr. John Laporte and Mr. William Huchison, a member of the M.E. Church of Warriors Mark who showed us the way, I visited the site of this church last summer. There still remains a slight mound or elevation marking the very same spot where the church stood. But I was told that since the church stood there, a log cabin occupied the same spot and the slight mound I saw was the remains of both. The place is now all overgrown with young timber, and at the west side under a dense growth of under brush, Mr. Huchison pointed to a spot where he himself had seen graves that were distinctly marked with head and foot stones, but all traces of these have now disappeared.

A question naturally suggests itself--why was the church built just there? Warriors Mark town is a mile to the north of it. At that time, it is probable there was not a house near it. It was not such a spot as was ever likely to attract settlers. The never-failing reason always claimed for the organization of a new church at a new point would never have been. For the place was not likely to grow. Then why was it built there? The fact is, the location of the church there was evidently a compromise between the widely distant settlement of Half Moon on the east, Bald Eagle Ridge on the north, Sinking Valley on the west, and Spruce Creek on the south. All those points were occupied by Presbyterians as early as 1788 or 1789. And as it was thought too far for Sinking Valley to go to Half Moon and too far for Bald Eagle to come to Spruce Creek and just as far of course for the people on Half Moon or Spruce Creek to go to Sinking Valley or Bald Eagle Ridge, a

## Sermon preached Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 30th, 1876, in the Spruce Creek Church at Graysville, Pennsylvania by the Pastor Reverend Joseph C. Kelly

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central spot was looked for in the wilderness between. The two springs in the Dry Hollow was near the center and that determined the location. I have also learned that there was a bridle path that entered the Barrens north of the "Cedars Farm" at the depression in the first ridge, crossing over the top of Bald Knob and led on to the settlements on the Bald Eagle Ridge. This was called "Craines Path" and passed only a few rods to the east of the church, and was doubtless the highway upon which many of your ancestors went to church. As I stood there upon the site of the old church that day and thought of what efforts it must have required for those early settlers to get to the house of God, and how they would have to leave their distant homes and thread their way by lonely paths through the wilderness, I with the dust beneath my feet could speak and testify in trumpet tones to this generation how high was their appreciation of the word of God. Living where many of those early settlers lived, it must have required them to leave their homes before sunrise to reach the home of God at the appointed hour. But they were there. Men carried rifles to protect themselves from the wild beasts. Families thought it unnecessary for several members to stay at home to keep the house. True they had no anthracite stoves which hold a fire for many hours, but they knew that if the fire went out it could be rekindled. They were determined that the light God had kindled in their hearts should not be extinguished by indifference.

Going back to the minutes of the Presbytery of Carlisle, we learn that Mr. Samuel Wilson, a licentiate of the Presbytery, preached by appointment at Warrior Marks the first Sabbath of August 1786. This was about six weeks after Mr. Stevens had preached. There is no account of any other preaching there from that time to the third Sabbath of May 1788, an interval of almost two years. Nothing definite is known that will explain this. But it may be surmised that the great distance of the field from the points where the Presbytery met had much to do with it. To have supplies it was necessary they should make supplication. Postal facilities were not what they are now. To perform the journey of more than one hundred miles on horseback by unfrequented bridle paths was an undertaking which was almost heroic. Perhaps there were no unemployed ministers within the Presbytery, and as a consequence, Presbytery could not have supplied the most earnest supplications.

At all events it is not likely the people were satisfied with their condition. It was about this time, certainly not long afterward, that the church in Dry Hollow was built.

The next man who preached for them was a Mr. Caldwell, a "probationer" from Ireland. He was called a "Probationer" because he was a foreigner, and it was the custom of the Presbytery to hold the letters of a minister from the old country for one year before he was admitted to the membership of the Presbytery and then, if after due inquiry and observation it was found he sustained the character his certificate claimed for him, his name was put upon the roll. Mr. Caldwell was a "probationer." He preached at Warrior Marks the third Sabbath of May 1788. His name does not appear again in connection with this church. In this same year, 1788, Mr. Charles Montgomery, grandfather of Mrs. Wm. B. Johnston, settled on Spruce Creek on a tract of land now known as the Montgomery farm, near the "Seven Star." I have made considerable effort to ascertain the date of settlement of other early families on Spruce Creek. But this is the only one that I can fix with any degree of certainty. There can be no doubt, however, that about this time Archibald Boreland settled upon a tract of land above Rock Spring, now occupied by the Walker family and near to Mr. James Watt's farm. And it was probably before this that Mr. Alexander Ewing crossed the mountain from Shavers Creek Valley and settled near Graysville, having secured possession of considerable land including that upon which the church now stands. Of this Mr. Ewing it is said that, while living at the other side of the mountain opposite where we are now assembled, he narrowly escaped murder by a roving band of Indians who attacked the cabin in which the family lived, taking his sister with them as a captive, while he managed to get away though closely pursued, but not without receiving a flesh wound from the enemy's rifle. He was himself a fine marksman.

After moving to this neighborhood, one fine day he shot a panther within gunshot, almost, of where we are now so peacefully and quietly, from Sabbath to Sabbath, accustomed to meet for Christian worship and praise. But living in the midst of such wild scenes did not diminish the relish of those hardy settlers for the word of God. I am told that this Mr. Alexander Ewing walked from Lancaster City to Graysville, a distance of more than 150 miles, carrying a large family Bible under his arm the entire journey. This Bible is now a cherished possession of Alexander B. Ewing of Franklinville.

It was after all these families had moved to Spruce Creek that the church of "Warrior Mark" secured preaching steadily. Before this, they had been dependent upon supplies.

But in the year 1789 and April 15th, Commissioners from the congregations of East and

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West Penns Valley, Half Moon and Warrior Marks attended the meeting by Presbytery of Carlisle held at East Canococheague and there presented a call for the pastoral services of Reverend James Martin, offering him a "salary of 65 pounds specie to relieve him from worldly care."

This was a pretty large field for the pastoral oversight of one man. It embraced a territory of over four hundred square miles, and, of course, the minister was obliged to divide his time among the different settlements to which his people belonged

But it was the best those early Presbyterians could do and it was a great improvement upon the past. If they had not as much preaching as they wished, still they had it statedly. They knew when to expect it and besides they must have felt that it was better to have the prayers and sympathies of a pastor for them than merely the sermons of an occasional supply, however eloquent.

Mr. Martin had the reputation of being an able, orthodox and popular minister, an earnest and animated speaker. His services were held sometimes in the old church in the Dry Hollow and sometimes in a barn at Half Moon.

In those days, people say, no one wore a coat but the preacher, and according to Dr. Gibson's *History of the Presbytery*, it was not unusual for Mr. Martin on a warm summer to take off his coat and preach in his shirt sleeves.

He continued the pastor of these congregations until 1794 during which year, as the minutes of the Presbytery show, the congregation of "Warrior Marks" was again making supplication for supplies. This would indicate that although Mr. Martin continued to labor in East and West Penns Valley where he lived, he ceased, about that time, to preach to the congregations at this end of his charge. The following year, 1795, the Presbytery of Huntingdon was organized, the meeting was held the 2nd Tuesday of April in Mr. Martin's church, Penns Valley.

Two months later, June 20th, Mr. Martin died, and was buried in the old graveyard near to Spring Mills.

By this time the number of Presbyterian families on Spruce Creek and in Sinking Valley had considerably increased, but there does not appear to have been a corresponding increase along the Bald Eagle Ridge, or in the Half Moon Valley.

The records of the Presbytery in the spring of 1795, at which a supplication is made for supplies for this field, do not mention Half Moon as a point of preaching at all.

"Warrior Marks" is mentioned, but from this

onward only in connection with Spruce Creek, which is named on the minutes of that meeting of Presbytery, for the first time.

There is no record of any formal organization of the Spruce Creek Church. It was a vine planted not with the hand of man, growing and bearing fruit for a time in the Dry Hollow and then transplanted upon the bank of your beautiful stream where God has blessed and nourished it ever since.

Presbytery sent supplies where supplies were asked for, and the early history of the growth of the congregation may be guessed at from the following extract from the minutes.

At the first meeting of the Presbytery of Huntingdon above referred to, Mr. Wiley was appointed to preach at Spruce Creek the 2nd Sabbath of July.

The third Sabbath of November of the same year Reverend John Johnston was appointed to preach at "Warrior Marks," and in the year 1796, Reverend Mr. Baird was appointed to preach at Spruce Creek the third Sabbath of September.

At the meeting of Presbytery, October 5, 1796, it is stated that "Mr. Benjamin Davidson appeared and took his seat as an elder from the united congregations of Spruce Creek and "Warrior Marks" and Sinking Valley and made supplications for supplies.

The minutes of Presbytery on April 12, 1797, show that "a petition was made from the congregation (not congregations) of Spruce Creek and Warrior Marks for a member of Presbytery to preach on the last Sabbath of April and preside in the session."

It is clear from this that they regarded themselves not as two congregations, but one, and that they had one and the same session. What I wish to make plain is that the Spruce Creek church was not a branch of the Warrior Marks, but the lineal successor of the same and we may say the blessing of the old pioneer church. At the meeting of Presbytery last mentioned Mr. Thomas Wilson, an elder from one of these churches, and a commissioner representing the whole field of Spruce Creek and Warrior Marks and Sinking Valley "made supplication for supplies" and then Presbytery appointed Mr. Stevens to preach the third Sabbath of September, Mr. Wiley the first Sabbath of May and Mr. Bryson the second Sabbath of June.

The church continued to receive supplies from Presbytery until the meeting of Presbytery at Pine Creek on October 2, 1798, when a call which had been presented at the spring meeting of Presbytery for the pastoral services of Mr. Samuel Bryson was by him accepted. Mr. Bryson was at that time a young man and the first candidate ever licensed by the

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Presbytery of Huntingdon. At the same time the call was accepted, he had not been ordained, and arrangements were made to ordain and install him at the same time. The time was November 20th, 1798; the place, the house of Mr. Robert McCartney on Spruce Creek, and accordingly then and there "Mr. Samuel Bryson was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry and installed as pastor of the united congregations of Spruce Creek and Sinking Valley."

You will observe that in this transaction there is no mention of Warrior Marks at all, nor does the name occur in the history of the Spruce Creek church. The reason is evident, that while God blessed Presbyterianism on Spruce Creek and caused it to increase, the other part of the old Warrior Marks church dwindled away.

Nor can I, looking over the events of that period, free myself from the fear that Spruce Creek was not altogether free from blame. When this part of the congregation was weak, the families were dependent upon Warrior Marks for the gospel. But when this became the stronger part of the congregation, she should have helped her weaker brethren hold the fort. She forgot the epistle to the church of Sardis, "Be watchful and strengthen the things that remain that are ready to die." This is a mistake that the Christian church has not ceased to repeat, nor until it is corrected can we look for that permanent success which her high and holy calling would warrant us to expect.

A church at ease is a church in danger. Self sacrifice and perseverance are what He that holds the seven stars in His right hand approves. I would rather be a member of the poverty stricken church of Smyrna with all her tribulations, than of the elegant and fashionable church of Laodicea which with all her worldly prosperity was yet lukewarm.

The want of preaching on the other side, of course, had the ordinary effect. The scriptures say, where "there is no vision the people perish."

The places of those who moved away or died were not filled with Presbyterians, such faithful ones remained, for a long time continued to attend church on Spruce Creek.

Of these the names of the Hagerty and Elder families are remembered as having come all the way from Stormstown.

There were also families of the name of Thompson and Stewart, who came from the other side of Warrior Mark. As late as the pastorate of the Reverend Samuel Hill, the family of General George McCulloch residing at Hannah Furnace were members of this church. And as the young ladies were accustomed to ride on horseback the whole distance

and return the same day, it is to be supposed their church-going involved considerable fatigue.

But to return to my story, the 20th of November 1798, when Samuel Bryson was ordained and installed pastor of the united congregations of Sinking Valley and Spruce Creek, it must have been a glad day for the scattered Presbyterian families who had settled here. They had been for a number of years dependent upon certain appointments, and even when Reverend James Martin preached regularly in the Dry Hollow, some families must have found it a long way to go to church.

But now the people on Spruce Creek were to have preaching once in two weeks and the place of meeting was not so far away. Whether at that time, there was a meeting house on Spruce Creek I cannot say, but after noting the probabilities on either hand, I venture the opinion that there was. My conjecture rests upon an old "Meeting House Receipt", which runs as follows:

*"Recd. on account of the Meeting House, of Mr. M'Cartney the sum of 2 lbs. 1 s. 7 1/2 d. I say received per me." - John Bailey - June the 6th 1798.*

Appended to this receipt in the lower left hand corner was a memorandum written in a small hand as follows: *For Jess, and James 1 lb. 2 s. 6 d.*

The date of this receipt proves either that they had a church at that time or they were building one.

The fact that when Presbytery met in November of the same year to install Mr. Bryson, they met at the house of Mr. M'Cartney, might indicate that as yet the congregation was without a church. But this is not conclusive because, first, if there was a church, it may not have been provided with stoves, as few if any country churches were at that time and therefore it would have been a cheerless and cold place for Presbytery to meet, the last of November.

Second, possibly as Sinking Valley was a partner in the arrangement, Robert M'Cartney's house (near Franklinville) was chosen as a more central place of meeting. I must therefore hold to the conviction that in the year 1798 there was a "Meeting House" in Spruce Creek. The first church (*see note at the close of this sermon*), of which any of the old people with whom I have conversed have any recollection, was "the old log church on the hill, which stood at the south side of the old road, and near the graves of old Mr. Bailey and Gardner."

It was thirty feet square, had east and west gables, and there was a high pulpit with a gallery on three sides. This was quite a good church for that early day, but it was some time, perhaps several years, before it was completely furnished. Miss Jane



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Boreland remembers hearing her father say, "the people sat on sleepers in the old church," a custom reversed in our day when sleepers sit in the pew.

Mrs. Judge M'Williams informed me the church was not completely furnished when she was a little girl, but they had board seats without backs and, to repeat her own words, "The sermons were pretty long and I was very tired." She also told me that she was baptized in 1799 at a meeting held in a barn on Robert Gardner's place. The time when the church was finished with its towering pulpit and rambling gallery is probably fixed by the following receipt, viz.:

*"Received December 14th, 1805, of Robert M'Cartney the sum of Two Dollars it being what he subscribed to making the pulpit and sundry other work done at Spruce Creek Meeting House and payable to John Gray and received by me for him. John Martin"*

Mr. Bryson continued as pastor of the church for five years and the pastoral relation was dissolved at his own request the fall of 1803. No record is found of his being pastor of another church. He remained within the bounds of the congregation, lived to a considerable age and when he died was buried in the graveyard near this church.

After 1803 the church was without a pastor for thirteen years, but, according to the recollection of Mr. Samuel M'Williams who was born in 1799, was supplied at times by Reverend James Linn of Bellefonte, Reverend Wm. Stuart of Penns Valley, Reverend John Hutchison of Mifflintown and other members of the Presbytery.

Why the church remained so long a time without a pastor would be hard to explain. It is evident that about this time the minds of the people were much occupied with worldly matters. Old papers to which I have had access show that there were frequent transactions in real estate.

From Rock Spring to Colerain, farms were bought and farms were sold. In 1810 the first road was opened between Colerain and the mouth of Spruce Creek. It ran considerably north of the present turnpike, over the hills instead of along the creek. The wise men who viewed the ground reported to the Court in the following terms:

*"We are all of the opinion that there is a necessity for a road between the points before mentioned, and that the same will be of public utility. And the following courses and distances will put the same on the nearest and best ground, and do the least injury to the holders of real property residing along the same."*

So it seems that the notion that "the nearest and best way" is over the hill instead of around it," is not

a new one. But it is hard to understand how in the present generation, when new ideas for the most part have the preference, an old one like this should be allowed to prevail.

Before this road was opened the principal highway out of the valley was from Marshall's Mill (on the Warriors Mark creek between Colerain and Huntingdon Furnace) to the Hook, and thence over a spur of Tussey mountain, down the narrows of the Little Juniata to Shavers Creek Valley.

I mention these things as examples of what must have occupied the minds of the people those thirteen years they were without a pastor.

Another event, which must have thrown the community into a high state of excitement at the time, was the drowning of Robert M'Cartney, Jr., in the Little Juniata in the year 1812.

He was returning from Pittsburg with his wagon and team. The river was high, but he succeeded in crossing it, and when looking back, he observed a driver with a team in the midst of the stream and not likely to get over. He then unhitched one of his own horses and riding back into the stream, endeavored to extricate his companion. But his horse, weary with the journey and the effort just made to get across, was unable to bear his load and went down with his rider. Mr. M'Cartney was caught in the current and swept out of sight before relief could be called. His body was not discovered until several days after.

Another thing that must have absorbed the interest of those early settlers and might have prevented their calling a pastor was the war of 1812. Party spirit ran high. Men within the same church took opposite sides. This cause operated in the neighboring congregation of Hartzlog (now Alexandria) to alienate a number of members from their pastor, the Reverend John Johnston, and it is not unlikely that the same cause may have prevented such harmonious action in the congregation as would have been essential to the calling of a pastor.

We must remember, too, that at the time there were not many unemployed ministers in the field. The Theological Seminaries had hardly an existence. The church was almost wholly dependent upon the mother country for reinforcements to her ministry. Hence, when a church became vacant, it was likely to remain so for some time.

The next pastor that was called was the Reverend William A. Boyd. He was a native of Lancaster County and probably received his Theological education at the feet of Reverend Dr. Nathaniel Semple. He came to this Presbytery as a licentiate, and was ordained and installed Pastor of the Spruce Creek and Sinking Valley congregations at a meeting

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of Presbytery held at the Sinking Valley church, April 2nd, 1817. According to the recollection of persons now living, he was tall and commanding in his appearance.

Dr. Linn of Bellefonte described him as "a young man of good mind and fine taste. His sermons were prepared with much care and combined in a short compass a great deal of good matter. He was highly esteemed in his congregation and was a good member of Presbytery." I am told that he married a daughter of Mr. Henry M'Williams and his residence was on the farm now owned by Mr. John Laporte. He continued the Pastor of the church for four years and a half, when he resigned on account of ill health, and died May 30th, 1823. His grave is in the midst of the graves of his congregation on the hill.

In 1822 the church was supplied by a probationer from Ireland, named John M'llhenny. And on the 13th day of June 1823, Presbytery met in this church expecting to install him as Pastor of this church and the church of Sinking Valley. But as they were about to proceed, a woman who had followed him from Ireland appeared and claimed that she was his wife. But Mr. M'llhenny declared she was not his wife and that he was unmarried. In his answer before Presbytery he positively denied her statement and heroically declared "they might hang him to the tallest tree in America, but he would never live with her." He failed, however, to convince the Presbytery that his domestic relations were without suspicion, and they refused to install him.

The church was again dependent upon occasional supplies until November 25th, 1825 when Reverend Samuel Hill was employed to preach for the congregation. Mr. Hill came from the Associate Reformed Presbytery of Pittsburg. And owing to some informality about his leaving that Presbytery, they refused for a time to grant him a letter of desmission. This caused a delay of installation which did not take place till nearly two years afterward, October 30th, 1827.

Perhaps no minister has left his mark so indelibly impressed upon this congregation as Reverend Samuel Hill. He was a strong character thoroughly indoctrinated, a fine orator, and a sound preacher. His principal failing was a weakness for long sermons. It is said that often times, when it was the custom to have two services with an intermission, the shades of evening began to fall before the services were ended. On one occasion he came down from the pulpit and addressed Mr. John Lyon with the remark, "I am tired." "And so am I," was the truthful but rather keen reply.

Mr. Hill was a famous man to catechise his

congregation, and in his day there were few who did not know their questions. Examinations, as they were called, were held for this purpose all over the congregation in school houses and barns, and at these meetings the neighborhood would gather, and young and old would repeat the catechism to their pastor, while he in turn would expound its meaning.

Under this system the people were thoroughly drilled in the doctrines of the Bible and, though at the time it may have seemed irksome, many of the young people of that generation have reason to bless God now, for the faithful drilling they received then. The young people of that generation say they were at first awed by his presence, but they soon learned to love and revere him

Mr. Hill was pastor of the church for sixteen years. Add two years to this for the length of time he was here before he was installed, and we have eighteen years as the actual length of his ministry of Spruce Creek.

The fifth year after he came, the third after his installation, 1830, a new frame church was built, which took the place of the old log church on the hill. About the same time, or speaking more accurately, in 1828, a Sabbath School was organized at Baileyville.

The same year a Temperance Reform took place in the Valley. And it was not too soon, for in those days public sentiment on the whiskey question, and the Sabbath question, was by no means fixed. Different opinions sometimes prevailed in the same household. To illustrate:

Mr. Wm. Riley now in his 86th year says, "When Mr. Shorb lived in the old Mansion House at Pennsylvania Furnace, one fine Sabbath day he set his men to work in the field to make hay. A jug of whiskey was carried out and left in the field for occasional exhilaration, and he went back to the house to arrange for dinner.

But Mrs. Shorb was a good Methodist, and refused to participate in his plans. And he was obliged to return to the field with the word, "Mother won't give us anything to eat and we'll just go home." It is pleasant to record the triumph of a conscientious Christian woman.

At that time there were several Still houses in the valley. It was thought too that no one could have his harvest put up without having free liquor in the field.

Mr. Adam Rankin told me that his father was one of those who made the first attempt. There were numerous prophecies of ill success. People said "No one would work in harvest without liquor." It was claimed too that men could not endure the fatigue nor perform the labor without now and then bracing

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themselves with a stiff dram.

Mr. Rankin remembers well how anxious he felt, the day before the one appointed to start the cradlers. He feared lest these prophecies of failure would prove true, and his father, brother and himself be left to harvest their crop alone. However, his father was conscientious and dared to face the situation. Word was sent out, hands were invited, and in consideration of no liquor a slight advance upon the usual wages was promised.

The result proved a grand success. A crop had never before been so pleasantly, quickly and easily harvest, and a conclusion was reached which is still generally accepted on Spruce Creek, that labor is not dependent on whiskey for its best results.

In 1836, Mr. Hill resigned the Sinking Valley part of his charge, but he continued in charge of this church until October 2nd, 1843, when at his own request the pastoral relation was dissolved.

During this period people began to come to church in "dearborns" and carriages. Before this they either came on horseback or walked. It is said that, parties walking came regularly from Rock Spring and called it three miles. Now they come in carriages and call it four. It is a pity that such a pleasant and independent custom should have been allowed to fall into such general disuse. There are many, who are not in the habit of attending church, pleading no means to get there, who, if possessed of the will of that generation, would find means.

It was during Mr. Hill's ministry that a circumstance occurred which must have grieved both pastor and congregation. During the week someone entered the church and with an axe hewed the pulpit Bible to shreds.

At the conclusion of the sermon the next Lord's day Mr. Hill held the chopped Bible up before the astonished gaze of the congregation. What could have induced anyone to do such a heaven-daring act was never known. But certainly if Mr. Hill had been preaching on the doctrine of total depravity that mutilated Bible would have afforded him both the proof and illustration.

The next Pastor that was settled on Spruce Creek was the Reverend John White, who was called September 3rd, 1845.

I have now reached a point in the history of this church within the memory of many of the congregation. Across the threshold of the next thirty years I care not to step. My object has been to gather up the threads of history that were well nigh lost, disentangle their intricacies, and weave them into a chronological web.

The records subsequent to 1845 are somewhat

voluminous and will afford ample material, for more than one sermon, to the future historian. It is proper for me only to sketch the outline of the events of those years.

John White was Pastor of the church for only two years. During those years a controversy arose, on the subject of Psalmody. In the midst of the agitation, the Pastor asked leave of Presbytery, April 1847, to resign. His request was granted, and in October of the same year, division occurred.

Application was made for a new organization of that part of the congregation, who preferred the exclusive use of David's Psalms, which the Presbytery granted. The old organization, which was in the majority and preferred the General Assembly's collection of Psalms and Hymns, was then called the 1st Church; the new which adhered to Rouse's version of David's Psalms, the 2nd Church of Spruce Creek. Both used the same church building, until the 1st church built the present stone church, which was dedicated March 26th, 1858. (See Note B.) Although worshiping in the same church, each party called its own minister.

Reverend Daniel L. Hughes was called and installed Pastor of the 1st church June 13th, 1848, and was released October 1857, after a useful pastorate of nine years. It is somewhat curious that Mr. Hughes moderated the congregational meeting which called his successor, the Reverend John Elliot, and the resignation of one pastor and call of another went up to Presbytery from the same congregation, at the same time.

Mr. Hughes bore the reputation of pushing everything he undertook. He never fell behind his work, and doubtless the above action was a fair example of the energy of the man.

In 1849, the 2nd church called the Reverend Israel W. Ward, who remained four years and resigned, June 1853.

His successor was the Reverend Thomas Stevenson, who was installed in the spring of 1854, and resigned April 1859.

In May 1859, one month after Mr. Stevenson resigned, the 1st and 2nd Churches were reunited and formed one congregation under the Pastoral care of John Elliot.

During the separation the 1st Church had been blessed with great temporal as well as spiritual prosperity.

In 1850, they built the parsonage, and the same year, the Colerain Church. In 1858, the present stone church was finished. And when the two congregations united, the old frame church on the hill was abandoned as a place of worship. It was

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afterwards removed, however, to Rock Spring and used for an afternoon appointment, and Sabbath school, until 1878, when it was sold to private parties. (See note C.)

John Elliott continued the Pastor of the church till April 1861, when he resigned.

During the summer of 1861, the church was supplied by William Alexander, who was then a licentiate of the Presbytery. And is now Professor in the Theological Seminary of San Francisco.

In May 1862, a unanimous call was given to Mr. Oscar A. Hills, who was afterwards ordained and installed Pastor of the church, November 25th, of the same year. This relation continued till November 28th, 1865, when he accepted a call to the Central Church of Cincinnati.

February 12th, 1866, the Reverend S.S. Orris was called to be Pastor of the church. His ministry was wonderfully blessed. But on account of loss of health, which was afterwards restored, he sought and obtained a dissolution of the pastoral relation, June 1869.

I feel that on this occasion it is a pleasant duty, which I owe to my predecessors, to express what I know of their abilities and success. (See note C.)

Hughes was a Pastor of tireless activity. Into the homes of rich and poor, far and near he was a frequent and welcome visitor. Mr. Riley says, "He was the best Pastor Spruce Creek ever had." In bold conscientious direct personal appeals to individuals on the subject of Benevolence, he has never been equaled before or since.

Of Israel W. Ward, I regret that I have no personal knowledge, except that he is still living within the Presbytery of Springfield at Winchester, Illinois.

Thomas Stevenson was appointed Chaplain of the 114th, U.S. Colored Infantry, ordered to Ringgold Barracks on the Rio Grand. Here in 1866 a powerful revival among the soldiers attended his ministry. In October he was attacked with cholera, but rallied sufficiently to be conveyed to Brownsville, "where he met his Lord and Master, February 10th, 1867, in a death most peaceful and triumphant."

Dr. Gibson speaks of him in the History of the Presbytery of Huntingdon as "one of the most instructive and accomplished sermonizers we have ever listened to; no army chaplain had a fairer record for efficiency and acceptability."

John Elliott was known throughout the Presbytery as one of the most popular preachers. He succeeded in the object for which he came: the reunion of the divided church. He now lives in Indian Territory, and is stated supply of the church of

Muscogee.

Oscar A. Hills commended himself to the people by his frank and genial spirit. He was fearless and conscientious in obedience to his convictions of right. He preached with great clearness and force, and with a voice like a trumpet. Recently the degree of Doctor of Divinity has been conferred upon him.

S.S. Orris is remembered as a Pastor of remarkable zeal, scholarly tastes and masterly attainments. He has since received the degree of Doctor of Philology in Marietta College, Ohio.

To all these men, as instruments in God's hand, I acknowledge this day is due, in great measure the success which I have reaped after them. May that starry crown, which is promised to those who turn many to righteousness, be their reward, as I trust it has been, and hope it may be the reward of every Pastor of the Spruce Creek Church.

And now my task as a historian is done. I would like to post a passing tribute to such Elders (see note D) as John Nichol (*elsewhere spelled Nickle*) who, though long since passed away, is yet the subject of favorable tradition, connecting his name with all that was generous and enterprising in the church. He did not believe that a church could survive without personal self-sacrifice on the part of the people. And he was not ashamed, in the behalf of the church he loved, to ask for money.

I would like to mention the name of John Gardner, whose wisdom, prudence and piety, made him a pillar in the House of God. Or of such members as W.W. Porter, whose heart was like a living coal where other hearts are kindled; or, Mrs. Sarah Stewart, who will long be remembered, far and near, by what she hath done.

But I have already exceeded the proper limits of my discourse. I beg only add a statement of the present condition of the congregation.

There are now three points of preaching, and the Pastor preaches at Graysville every Sabbath morning, and at Colerain Forges, and Pennsylvania Furnace every alternate Sabbath evening. The church at Pennsylvania Furnace was built in 1858. Since that time the preaching appointment, which had been at Rock Spring, was transferred to that point.

At the present time (1876) the number of members in communion of the church, is Two Hundred and Thirty.

There are four Sabbath Schools, one at each of the following places, viz.: Colerain Forge, Graysville, Pennsylvania Furnace, and Rock Spring, of which the aggregate membership is Two Hundred and Seventy Five.

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There are three Sabbath evening, and four weekly evening, prayer-meetings held in different parts of the congregation.

There is also an organized Ladies Foreign Missionary Society whose contributions last year amounted to \$340.00.

The total amount given to the Benevolent Work of the General Assembly by this congregation the last year was as follows, viz.: Home Missions, \$262; Foreign Missions, \$848; Education, \$69; Publication, \$25; Church Erection, \$65; Relief Fund, \$90; Freedmen, \$72; Sustentation, \$65.

The largest amount ever contributed to any one Board, by this congregation in a single year, was \$1429, to the Board of Foreign Missions in the year 1873.

The church is honored in having two of her members in the ministry. The Reverend John C. Oliver is Pastor of the Lower Tuscarora Church; and the Reverend J. Milliken Goheen, with his wife, is also a member of this church--they are Missionaries in India and in charge of the Kolhapur Mission.

Brethren, these are some of "the great things which the Lord hath done for us." Consider how great a thing it is that He planted a church here at all. It is also a great thing that He preserved it and suffered it not to die from neglect.

It is a great thing that He delivered it from internal strife. It is a great things that he sent to it an earnest, learned and faithful ministry.

It is a great thing that He raised up among you some examples of Christian character, beautiful and noble, and conspicuous among the many that are called.

It is a great thing that He has not ceased to pour out His Spirit upon His people now.

For these and ten thousand other great things, which God hath done for us, I say with His prophet, "Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your hearts,"

Cherish the means of grace, established here ninety years ago, and transmitted to you through several generations.

By as much as your opportunities and advantages are beyond what they enjoyed, by so much do you strive to surpass them in building up and perpetuating the Kingdom of our Redeemer in this, and every land. Remembering that, as your ancestors were dependent upon others to send them the gospel, so now others are dependent upon you.

The obligations that generation incurred have been transmitted to this, nor can you in honor enjoy the inheritance of your fathers without at least making a manful attempt at paying their debts.

And while with liberal hand you dispense the bread of life to the perishing, see to it that the church God planted here so long ago shall not perish from neglect.

I remind you that the house in which we meet today stands in need of a thorough renovation inside and out.

### Appendix

Note A. I was told my Mrs. S. Johnston, wife of Mr. William B. Johnston and daughter of Thomas Montgomery, that her father once pointed out to her a spot where he said the first church was built and told her that he "had helped to daub in the logs." According to Mrs. Johnston's recollection, that spot was "west of Graysville about one mile, and a little north."

All efforts to obtain corroborative information on this matter have proved unsuccessful, and I am inclined to think the spot Mrs. Johnston referred to was the one where stood the old church in the Dry Hollow.

Note B. Soon after the dedication of the church the following notice of the occasion was published in the Presbyterian: "*On Friday, March 26th, a very substantial and tasteful church edifice was dedicated to the worship of God by the 1st Presbyterian congregation of Spruce Creek, in the Presbytery of Huntingdon, Pennsylvania.*"

*The house is built of massive hewn stone (blue limestone) and is one of the most perfect in its appointments of any country church the writer has seen. It is sixty-six by forty-five feet, neatly finished within and without, heated from the basement, pews handsomely upholstered, pulpit a model of elegant simplicity. Carpets, lamps, everything complete. The ladies of the congregation having attended to the furnishing of the interior. A very reasonable request of the ladies was read from the pulpit, viz., that gentlemen would use no tobacco in the church.*

*The dedication solemnities were apposite and solemn. Dr. Junkin of Hollidaysburg offered the dedication prayer, and preached the dedication sermon. The Reverend Thos. Stevenson read the Scriptures. The Reverend George Elliott announced Psalmody, and the Reverend John Elliott, the Pastor, made the concluding prayer and pronounced the benediction.*

*Before the dedication prayer it was announced, the church was entirely paid for, and was the property of the people who were about to offer it to the Lord. And not an uninteresting part of the history of the day was the fact that the morning service wound up with a collection of nearly one hundred dollars for the Board of Education. How many congregations would have been disposed to say, "Ah, we can't give to the Board now, we have*

**Sermon preached Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 30th, 1876, in the Spruce Creek Church at Graysville, Pennsylvania by the Pastor Reverend Joseph C. Kelly**

*just spent Six Thousand dollars on our own church; we pray thee have us excused this year."*

*Thanks to God for this example and for the pleasant prospects before the Pastor of Spruce Creek."*

Note C. Pastors and Stated Supplies of the Spruce Creek church, according to the memory of Mrs. Eliza Craine, daughter of Samuel Bryson:

Rev. James Martin, Pastor (of Warrior Marks)

Rev. Samuel Bryson, Pastor - Spruce Creek, 1798-03

Rev. Wm. A. Boyd, Pastor - Spruce Creek, 1817-19

Rev. John M'llhenny, S.S. - Spruce Creek, 1822

Rev. Samuel Swan, S.S. (*Names of these three not*

Rev. Gray, S.S. *found in Dr. Gibson's*

Rev. Laughlin, S.S. *history of the Presbytery.*)

Rev. Samuel Hill Pastor - 1825-43

Rev. William Hunter, S.S.

Rev. John White, Pastor - 1845-47

Rev. Daniel L. Hughes, Pastor - 1st Church, 1848-57

Rev. Israel Ward, Pastor - 2nd Church 1849-53

Rev. Thos. Stevenson, Pastor - 2nd Church, 1854-59

Rev. John Elliott, Pastor - 1st Church 1857-61

Rev. William Alexander, S.S. - 1861

Rev. Oscar A. Hills, Pastor - 1st Church, 1862-69

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**History added after Rev. Kelly's Sermon**

Another outstanding event occurred during Mr. Kelly's ministry. In 1875, Rev. J. Milliken Goheen, eldest son of John Goheen, of Rock Springs, an elder in the Spruce Creek Church for many years, was married to the sweet and gentle Nannie Bell, and together they went out as missionaries to the far-off station of Kohlhapur, India. Mrs. Goheen lived a little less than a year; and later Mr. Goheen was married to Miss Manna McGinness, daughter of Rev. James Y. McGinness, who founded Milnwood Academy at Shade Gap in 1848. To this union five children were born, three of whom are missionaries - Dr. Robert H. Goheen, head of the Mission Hospital at Vengurla, India; Mr. John H. Goheen, head of an Agricultural School at Sangla, India, and Mrs. Frances Goheen Aveson of Korea.

In September 1902, Rev. R.M. Campbell was called as pastor and served in that capacity until November 1921. This long and useful pastorate was served under most trying circumstances, for a period, as the World War with its spiritual let-down took place within this time. Nevertheless, the church under Mr. Campbell's leadership went forward, more than holding its own.

On September 1, 1922, the Rev. H. D. Fleming was called as pastor and he served until 1926. From 1926 to 1928 Rev. A. D. Minick led the congregation; from 1929 to 1937, Rev. S.R. Brown was under-shepherd to this flock, and on October 1, 1937 the present pastor Rev. Albertus Groendyke was called to the place of leadership.

Note. John Nickle died November 1829. He apparently died away from the Graysville area and his exact burial site in not known at present. Mary (Travis) Nickle, his wife, is buried in the old section of Graysville Cemetery.



Mrs. Mary Graham Kelly



The Rev. Joseph C. Kelly



### **SPRUCE CREEK**

When the Spruce Creek Church was organized is not known. Presbyterian families settled in this valley as early as 1788. This church is mentioned on the Minutes of Huntingdon Presbytery at its first meeting in 1795, and occasional supplies were appointed for it, till the year 1798, when, at the meeting of Presbytery held in the house of Robert McCartney, Rev. Samuel Bryson was ordained and installed as pastor of this and Sinking Valley Churches. Previous to his settlement the people of this congregation probably attended service at the Warrior Mark's Church in Dry Hollow, where the Rev. James Martin preached statedly. Mr. Bryson was promised one hundred and forty-four pounds by the two congregations, so that there must have been quite a number of families by that time in the two churches. He served this church till 1803.

With the exception of some supplies, the church was vacant from 1803 to 1817 when the Rev. W. A. Boyd was called. He resigned in 1823 owing to ill health. He was an able preacher, and won the affections of his people; but his earthly service was short; he died the 13th of June, 1823. Mr. J. McElhenny was stated supply for six months.

From 1825 to 1843 Rev. Samuel Hill was pastor. He was an exceedingly able preacher and a strong Calvinist, and through him the church attained that high regard for sound doctrine and steadfast orthodoxy which has distinguished them ever since. It was his custom to preach two sermons on the Sabbath, the people bringing their lunch to church with them; after the morning sermon recess was given for lunch, and then the afternoon sermon was begun, which often lasted till dark. The people walked five or six miles, the aged rode on horseback. From old "church duplicates" we learn that in 1833 there were about fifty-five families in the congregation, that they paid MR. Hill three hundred dollars for half of his time, and that the pews were rented. In 1830 the log church, which had been used up to that time, was superseded by a frame building.<sup>1</sup> Mr. Hill's ministry as a long and faithful one, and the church prospered under his care. He laid great stress upon sound doctrine and upon the inculcation of the Westminster system of truth into the minds of young and old.

From 1845 to 1865 was the stormiest period of this church's history. The psalmody was the bone of

contention, and the question, once raised, would not calm down. Previous to this time the metrical version of the Psalms made by Francis Rous, a member of the House of Commons, which was published in 1646, was used exclusively by this church. The General Assembly having published about that time their book of Psalms and Hymns, many in the congregation began to favor its introduction. While Rev. J. White was pastor (1845-1847) the controversy on this subject broke out with great bitterness, and he, wearied with strife, resigned before it was settled. All but two of the Session of eight elders were in favor of the use of Rous's version; but a petition signed by fifty-eight members of the church being sent up to the Session February 22, 1847, they called a congregational meeting to decide whether Rous's version or the General Assembly's late collection of Psalms and Hymns should be the established psalmody of this church in future. At this congregational meeting, held March 1, 1847, the vote was forty-seven to thirty-seven in favor of the General Assembly's book. The Session at a meeting held April 11 instructed their commissioner to Presbytery to request that body to send a commission to inquire into and try to adjust the difficulties that had arisen in this congregation. May 29 the Session passed the following resolutions:

*Resolved, first, That the friends of Rous's version have the organization of the Spruce Creek Church; second, That the friends of Rous's version of David's Psalms have a right to have that version sung in the Spruce Creek Church by at least half the supplies granted them by the Presbytery at their last meeting.*

Against the above action of the majority of the Session Adam Rankin, the minority member, and one of the ablest elders then in the Presbyterian Church, complained to Presbytery, and the complaint was sustained, and Presbytery deemed it expedient to divide the congregation, and did so divide it at the October meeting, and declared the majority in the late vote on the psalmody to be the original or First Church of Spruce Creek, and the minority (or old psalmody party) to be called the Second Church, and of this Second Church Rev. Israel Ward was pastor from 1848 to 1853, and the Rev. Thomas Stevenson from 1854 to 1859. We are sorry the records of this church have not come down to us.

The Session of the First Church being almost broken up by the withdrawal of the six who favored Rous's version, Presbytery ordered the election of additional elders, which was done at a congregational meeting held October, 1847.

Of this First Church Rev. D.L. Hughes was the

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<sup>1</sup> I am greatly indebted to the Rev. J.C. Kelly for many of the facts of the early history of this church.

**From The Historical Memorial of the Centennial Anniversary (1795-1895) of the  
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energetic pastor from 1848 to 1857. Although the church had been much weakened by the dissension, yet by his faithful labors it was greatly prospered in temporal and spiritual things. During his pastorate the present massive stone structure and the manse were built.<sup>2</sup>

On his resignation Mr. John Elliott was called to the pastorate, with a view to effecting a union of the two churches. February 22, 1859, the congregation of the First Church passed unanimously a resolution cordially inviting the Second Church to unite with them in all their church privileges, and to unite with them in prayer to God for his spirit, that all might be "revived and united together as one man for the promotion of God's glory." It was thought by some that the use of the General Assembly's book containing fifty selections from Rous's version at the back would further union and harmony. Some time afterwards Mr. Elliott, no doubt from a sincere desire to promote a full and cordial union, and from a generous desire to make the friends of Rous's psalmody, many of whom were on that occasion present for the first time in the First church since the division, feel more comfortable, announced that he would hereafter use one of the selections occasionally and requesting the people to provide themselves with books containing them. This created a tremendous excitement: there were no stools hurled at his head, as in the memorable case of Jennie Geddes in the Grayfriar's church, but hymn-books were shut with a slam and thrown down with a spirit of strong disapproval. The Session sustained the action of the pastor, but afterwards some of them blamed him. He seems to have been moved therein by a very worthy motive, but it would have been safer to have had the action of the Session beforehand. And we fear that the congregation forgot their "cordial and unanimous" resolution of February 22, as well as the becoming propriety of God's house.

The Second Church disbanded and came into the First, forty in number, by certificate, at the next communion, May, 1859. Mr. Elliott resigned in 1861.

Rev. William Alexander, then a licentiate, was stated supply for six months during 1861. He is well known in the church as professor in the Theological Seminary at San Francisco.

From 1862 to 1865 Rev. O. A. Hills was pastor. At that time there were one hundred and sixty

communicants, the salary paid was one thousand dollars, and the church gave to the Board of Foreign Missions in the 1862 twelve hundred and forty-four dollars, largely the contribution of David Stewart, Esq., whose family inherited his love for the mission work of the church. Mr. Hills was diligent and faithful, and, although the contention over the psalmody remained as a thorn in his flesh, being the chief cause of his removal, yet the church prospered greatly under his care.

Before he was called the Session had decided to leave the use of the selections from Rous's version to the discretion of the pastor, and he used them part of the time. A petition numerously signed having been sent up to the Session, requesting a congregational meeting to vote whether the selections from Rous's version should or should not be used in the future, a meeting was held November 20, 1865, at which the selections were discontinued by a vote of seventy-five to twenty-four. This was after Mr. Hills resigned, but before his departure.

A complaint against the above action of the Session and congregation was taken to Presbytery by three leaders of the Second Church, or psalmody party, who were now members of the reunited church. Presbytery refused to sustain the complaint, and sent down to the church the following action:

*Resolved, That, in refusing to sustain the complaint, Presbytery fully sustains the action of Session and congregation . . . complained of, and judge that hereafter it shall be understood that the pastor of Spruce Creek Church shall have the same liberty enjoyed by the minister of any other church in the matter of psalmody; for the following reasons: 1. because there does not appear to have been any ground for complaint; 2, concessions has failed to give peace; 3, has fostered strife; 4, has embarrassed the labors of each successive pastor of the Spruce Creek Church, and hindered the cause of Christ."*

Thus the question which had been the bone of contention and had disturbed the peace and hindered the usefulness of this church for over a quarter of a century was finally settled by Presbytery, April, 1866.

From 1866 to 1869 Rev. S. S. Orris was pastor. He was a man of scholarly attainments, deep piety, and fervent zeal, and was untiring in his efforts to further the spiritual welfare of the people. He kept no horse, but made his pastoral visits on foot, a feat little less than marvelous when one remembers that this is a congregation of "magnificent distances." One day, during a heavy snow-storm, a family five miles distant from the manse were surprised, on

<sup>2</sup> In the year 1856 this church contributed six hundred and twenty-five dollars to church extension in Tyrone City.



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doubly surprised when they learned that he had come through the deep snow on foot to ask the daughter, who was to be married the next day, whether he might conclude the ceremony by kissing her. Another incident still more characteristic of him: a family was absent from church on Sabbath because of the bad weather; on Monday he walked four miles through the same storm to inquire the reason of their absence, and was chagrined when the head of the house replied that the weather was too bad! Large accessions were made to the church during his pastorate. There were one hundred and forty-nine members when he came, and two hundred and two when he left. Mr. Orris has been the honored professor of Greek for many years in the College of New Jersey.

December 20, 1869, a call was made out for Rev. J. C. Kelly, who began his long and useful pastorate January 1, was installed June 15, 1870, and resigned December, 1890. This was the longest pastorate the church ever had. This church was now harmonious after long and bitter strife, and had become one of the most influential in this part of the State, both as to the intelligence and wealth of its people. The Session was very able. In the year 1873 this church gave to Foreign Missions fourteen hundred and twenty-nine dollars, and liberally to the other boards. Mr. Kelly's ministry was signally blessed, and we are

still reaping the fruits of his faithful sowing.

November 21, 1891, a call was issued for Rev. T. S. Armentrout, of New Castle Presbytery, who began preaching January 1, 1892, and was installed the following June.

This church has given three of her noble sons to the ministry of the gospel. —Rev. J.M. Goheen, missionary to India; Rev. J.C. Oliver, of Blairsville Presbytery; and Mr. J.O.C. McCracken, a member of the middle class in Alleghany Seminary. There have been many able and devoted elders in her Session during the century of her history. The Women's Auxiliary Mission Society deserves special commendation. It is now twenty-three years old, and has done much for Christ. In the century past divine grace has here had a fruitful field, in which many saintly characters have ripened for heaven; here many souls have been made white in the blood of the Lamb; many will be able to say in that great day, blessed is this Spruce Creek Church, for here I was born into the kingdom of God. May the breezes of the new century shake out the creases of the old blue banner lifted up here in the name of our God by our ancestors, and long and free may she wave over this valley; in this church may the true doctrine of the gospel ever be expounded to teach our children how to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.

T. S. ARMENTROUT



Presbytery of Huntingdon meeting at Graysville Presbyterian Church. Photo includes: Dr. R.M. Campbell, Rev. Joseph Kelly, Dr. Wm. Laurie, Rev. Walter Harnish, Rev. Lewis, Rev. W.C. Thompson

September 19, 1938

### Graysville Presbyterian Church to Observe 150th Anniversary

The celebration of the sesqui-centennial of the Spruce Creek (Graysville) Presbyterian church, which will be started with special service on Sunday next, and continue until Saturday, October 8th, inclusive, will mark one of the most impressive celebrations ever held in old Spruce Creek Valley. Through the kindness of Rev. Albertus Groendyke, some of the history in connection with this famous old church is available. Although the records and documents of the earliest history of the church are not available, it is definitely known that sometime before 1788 there were families who felt the need of a church and an opportunity to worship together in that section. For this purpose the early settler of Spruce Creek Valley came from many miles about to worship in a rude meeting place in Dry Hollow, known today as Warrior's Mark and near a site later known in the heyday of Pennsylvania's iron industry as Huntingdon Furnace. It was here that Rev. James Martin spent part of his time ministering to four congregations--Warrior's Mark (with which the Spruce Creek church originated), Half Moon, East and West Penn's Valley. The Rev. James Martin is thought to have been the first settled pastor within the present bounds of Centre County. It was in his church in Penn's Valley that Huntingdon Presbytery was cradled.

The Rev. Martin died on June 20, 1795. His grave is the only marked one in the old graveyard on the Musser farm, the spot where the East Penn's Valley congregation worshipped.

This congregation soon changed its place of meeting from Dry Hollow, near Warrior's Mark, to a place near its present site. Apparently the Graysville cemetery formed the church yard for the next site of the church, a log structure destroyed by a forest fire in 1830. The cemetery is situated on a bluff overlooking the creek, the present stone church building and the present state road, Route 45.

The move from Dry Hollow was made at the beginning of the nineteenth century, and perhaps earlier, for stones mark graves in the cemetery as early as 1800. It is said that the church was moved after its destruction in 1830 to a frame building just east of the present church structure.

After that the church gave evidence of its faith in the church's future by building the present picturesque stone structure. It was built during the pastorate of Rev. D. L. Hughes and, as nearly as the date of erection can be determined, appears to have been completed in 1856. It was during the great man's pastorate that the present manse was built; and, in addition to this, \$625 was contributed by the

members of this church for church extension work in Tyrone.

This historic church has many distinctions, the first of these being the fact that it, with the Sinking Valley Presbyterian church, had the service of the Rev. Samuel Bryson, the first candidate for the ministry of Huntingdon Presbytery.

A second distinction was its early and ardent interest in foreign missions. A remarkable instance of this is that the church gave the Board of Foreign Missions in the year 1862, the sum of \$1244. At that time the church had 160 communicant members.

This church also fostered the faith of Rev. Joseph M. Goheen, who later was sent as a missionary to India, and his two sons and one daughter are still engaged in missionary work in the foreign field.

The church was further distinguished by early interest in the cause of temperance. As early as 1825 it had for its pastor, Rev. Samuel Hill, a vigorous campaigner in the liquor issue.

It is another proud fact that this church has given five sons to the ministry. In addition to the late Rev. J.M. Goheen as missionary to India, four others took up their work in the active ministry of the Presbyterian church of the U.S.A.: the late Rev. J. C. Oliver; the Rev. J. O. McCracken, of Export, Pa.; the Rev. William L. Porter, of Minneapolis, Minn., and of late stated clerk of the Presbytery of Minneapolis; and the Rev. W.P. Van Tries of the Redeemer Presbyterian church in Philadelphia.

A fitting celebration of its sesquicentennial has been arranged. The church has now nearly completed the raising of funds for an electric organ as a permanent memorial to the 150th anniversary of the church. The committee in charge for this was composed of George McWilliams, chairman, Mrs. L.G. Umbower, Mrs. J.S. Oliver, Miss Clara McCracken, Dr. S. L. Lake and the late E.D. Isenberg, whose place on the committee was filled by George Irvin.

The program committee has arranged for a fitting program to start with Communion service on Sunday morning, followed by the entertainment of the Presbytery of Huntingdon on October 3rd and 4th, and special historical activities every evening of the week with the exception of Friday and Saturday. The Homecoming day has been set for Saturday beginning at noon, and it is requested that everyone bring their picnic lunch for this occasion. Items of historical interest will be on display in the church throughout the week.

### Church Plans for Big Celebration.

Graysville Congregation to Mark Sesqui-Centennial October 2 to 8. Rev. Albert Groendyk, pastor of the Graysville Presbyterian Church, Spruce Creek Valley, reports splendid progress on the arrangements for the Presbytery meeting and the celebration of the Sesqui-Centennial anniversary of that old and historic church which will take place October 2nd to 8th, inclusive, with the exception of Friday, the 7th when no program will be held.

The promotion committee responsible for the purchase and complete financing of a new electric organ has discharged its duty. This committee was

composed of George McWilliams, chairman, Mrs. L.G. Umbower, Mrs. James Oliver, Miss Clara McCracken, Dr. Samuel L. Lake, and the late Edward Isenberg whose place on the committee has been filled by George Irvin.

The tentative program for the whole celebration will start on Sunday, October 2nd, with observance of World Wide Communion service, and it is the hope to have as many of the people of the church as possible present at this

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### October 1, 1938 Graysville Church Opens Celebration Week's Program to Start Sunday Morning

With the celebration of Holy Communion in the historic old Graysville church at the morning service tomorrow, the week of glad celebration of the sesqui-centennial will be fittingly launched. At the evening service, which will be held at the Baileyville church, the pastor, Rev. Albertus Groendyke, will bring a message.

On Monday the Presbytery of Huntingdon will convene in the Graysville church at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, opening with a Communion service over which Rev. C. O. Anderson will preside.

The evening service will be particularly interesting as at this time a historical pageant, from the versatile pen of Mrs. C. S. Hiltner, of Tyrone, will be presented by a selected cast from the Graysville church. This pageant is directed by the members of the program committee of which Denton Peterson is the chairman, assisted by these members: Mary Gardner, Myra Miller, and John Newlin. There will be seventy characters from the church to participate.

On Tuesday the Presbytery of Huntingdon will continue its meeting. At the devotional service between 11:30 o'clock and 12 a.m., the Rev. A.D. Minnick will preach at the pleasure of the Presbytery. The Presbytery will adjourn in the afternoon of Tuesday.

Mrs. E. C. Reeve, wife of Dr. Reeve, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Clearfield, Pa., and a native daughter of the church, has prepared an especially illuminating history of the Graysville church, and will read this history at the evening service. There will also be special selections by the

choir and vocal selections by Miss Esther Sparr of Williamsburg.

The program for Wednesday evening is especially interesting, as this will be marked by special addresses by former pastors of the church and some of the church now in the active ministry. Word has been received that Rev. T.S. Armentrout, of Wilmington, Del., Rev. J.O. McCracken of Export, Pa., and Rev. A.D. Minnick of Cresson, Pa., will be present to make addresses at this service.

Letters that have been received and will be read at this evening service are from Rev. Curry H. Love, Casa Grande, Ariz., Rev. W.L. Porter, Minneapolis, Minn., Rev. William P. Van Tries, of Philadelphia, Mr. John L. Goheen, Missionary at Sangli, India and Dr. Robert Goheen, medical missionary in India. The Pine Grove Men's Chorus will bring music for this service.

Thursday evening has been set aside for the missionary societies of the church and they will stage a rally. It is hoped that Mrs. G.W. Avison, a native daughter of the church, who with her husband, is engaged in Y.M.C.A. work in Kwanja, Korea, will be present to address this service. Mrs. Sarah Goodhard and her sister Mrs. Harry Potter, of Centre Hall, native daughters of the church, will favor with a duet, and the Graysville church choir will also bring special music.

No activities have been scheduled for Friday. Saturday has been set aside as Homecoming Day, with activities to start at noon. Friends, former residents and present residents will gather around a common table to renew acquaintances. All should

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bring their basket lunch. Coffee will be provided by the ladies of the Church.

From advance information available, it is thought there will be hundreds visit the old Graysville church next week. The celebration of this sesqui-

centennial will attract and interest folks in all parts of the world who have gone out from the beautiful Spruce Creek Valley and who have, in one way or another, at one time been identified with the church life in old Graysville.

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### October 4, 1938 Graysville Church Opens Celebration Historical Pageant Presented Last Evening

The largest number of people ever to gather within the confines of the historic old Graysville Presbyterian church in Spruce Creek Valley, was in evidence last night to witness the presentation of the pageant of the historical outline of the church from its inception to the present day, a pageant strikingly portrayed by folks of the congregation.

The pageant which was from the versatile pen of Mrs. Charlotte S. Hiltner, or Tyrone, was faithfully portrayed from that memorable day in the wilderness in Spruce Creek Valley when a group of faithful Christians met in a home for worship, to last night when all raised their voices in praise in the present beautiful edifice.

Each person taking part in the pageant was made up faithful to the day and age in which the scene was laid. The costumes and makeup for the parts were faultless calling forth the admiration of all. In this, these folks have spent many months of preparation, going as far east as Lancaster, Pa., to procure dress appropriate to the occasion. They appeared in the proverbial hoop skirts, poke bonnets, elaborate shoulder shawls, high hats, leather boots. Indeed, the cast of characters easily transferred their audience to another day and age and faithfully brought to light the early trials and tribulations of those fervently bent to build and worship in the House of God.

Miss Josephine Everhart, a talented young lady of Spruce Creek Valley, and a member of the Warrior's Mark high school faculty, read the prologue before each scene portrayed, giving lucid interpretation as to just what was to transpire is the scene to follow. The curtain was pulled aside and here was brought to light the scene just explained by Miss Everhart. It was very striking. Again, the great amount of authentic data is a credit to Mrs. Hiltner's rare ability for gathering and presentation of facts in a professional way.

The scenes and participants in the pageant are given in brief and in the order of their appearance:

Scene 1: Indians hearing the early Spruce Creek congregation from a distance, portrayed by Harold

Henry, Fred Poust and Harold Rudy.

In scene 2 the ordination of the Rev. Samuel Bryson, first pastor of the Spruce Creek and Sinking Valley churches at the McCartney home, near Franklinville, was brought to life by Ben Johnson, Jack Newlin, Theda Newlin, Jack Powley, Roy Peterson, LaVerne Wise, Denton Peterson, Max Ward and Paul McWilliams.

The worshipers were lunching between services by Rev. Hill in 1825, near the log church and this scene was enlivened by Willis Shilling, John Lake, Mrs. Shilling, Ruth Frank, Elizabeth Jane Oliver, Jimmie Oliver, Joe Houck and Mrs. James Oliver.

The heated Psalmody dispute, which took place under the pastorate of Rev. White in approximately 1848 and held over through the years until a reunion of the rival church choirs was effected under Rev. Elliott in approximately 1859, was presented in a very effective manner by Max Ward, Cloyd Ewing, Eleanor Conrad, Frances Henry, Anna Ward, Mrs. Paul McWilliams, Paul McWilliams, Jr.; Regina Woomer, Anna Jane Musser, Fay Behrer, Clara Peterson, Ethel Mae Barto, Georgia Woomer; Enid Woomer, Stanley Behrer, Max Ward, Ruth Frank, LaVerne Wise, Melvin Showalter, Betty Goheen, Ben Johnson, and Roy Peterson.

The pioneer missionary society of the valley was organized in this church and the next scene gave a portrayal of one of their meetings, which these ladies attended, Myra Miller, Anna Houck, Emma May Peterson, Isabell Musser, Evelyn Henry, Anna Ward, Ann Wilson, Gertrude Miller, Anna Mary Goheen, Martha Johnston, Mrs. George McWilliams, Alice Griffin, Mrs. James Oliver, Elizabeth Judy, Mrs. Ben Everhart, Mary Gardner.

Rev J. M. Goheen, a native of the valley and son of John Goheen and first missionary to leave the church, going to India, was given a memorable farewell at the church at the time he and Mrs. Goheen departed and this was brought to life again by Junior Hilliard, Paul McWilliams, Elizabeth Oliver, Betty Jane Musser, Anna Jane Musser, Orpha Weaver, Mrs.

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Margaret Fry, Bob Wigton, Mrs. Robert Reed, Mrs. Rearick, Maude Miller, Margaret Goheen and Mrs. George McWilliams.

The final scene in this striking historic recount was gauged to link the past with the present, and here the pastor of the church, Rev. Albertus Groendyke stood on the platform with the Elders of the church, George McWilliams, Harry McCracken, Robert Reed, James Oliver, Denton Peterson and Miss Georgia Woomer who presented the original Bible used in the original church. At this juncture Rev. Groendyke thanked all for the part they had taken in making the evening a success. He said the church has served its purpose as was so ably demonstrated in the pageant of the 150 years, and he said further that he felt there was a bright and happy future in store for the Graysville church.

He then called on Mrs. Clement S. Hiltner, presenting her to the congregation as the author of the pageant of the evening and thanking her publicly for

her interest and talent in making the memorable pageant a possibility. In her modest manner, Mrs. Hiltner responded, saying that it had been a real pleasure and a blessing to her to have shared in her small way with the celebration of the auspicious event of the sesqui-centennial.

Dr. J.A. Steer, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Tyrone conducted a short service of devotion before the opening of the pageant.

This evening the reading of the history of the church will be given by Mrs. E.C. Reeve, a daughter of the church and wife of the pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Clearfield. This history is authentic, and was prepared by Mrs. Reeve. There will also be music by the church choir and Miss Esther Sparr, of Williamsburg.

The committee responsible for the success of last evening was made up of Denton S. Peterson, chairman; Josephine Everhart, Mary Gardner, Myra Miller, J. Warren Ingram and John Newlin.

**SESQUI-CENTENNIAL  
COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM ACTIVITIES**

Sunday, October 2 -- Celebration of World Wide Communion and reception of members.  
Special music--Church choir.

Monday, October 3 -- Huntingdon Presbytery convened at Graysville.

Monday Evening, October 3 -- Popular meeting of Huntingdon Presbytery. Presentation of the pageant portraying the history of the Spruce Creek Church of Pennsylvania.

Scene I: Indians listening to early Spruce Creek congregation singing in the distance.

Scene II: Ordination of the Rev. Samuel Bryson, first ordained pastor of Spruce Creek and Sinking Valley churches, at the McCartney home.

Scene III: A luncheon scene between services of Rev. S. Hills in 1825.

Scene IV: The Psalmody dispute. First a supposed scene during Rev. White's pastorate 1848. Second, a reunion scene of First and Second Spruce Creek congregations.

Scene V: A meeting of the pioneer missionary society of the church, the Ladies Auxiliary.

Scene VI: A farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. J. Milliken Goheen, natives of the Spruce Creek valley, members of the church and the first missionaries to leave the church, choosing India as their field.

Scene VII: Hitherto--linking past to present and future.

Tuesday, October 4 -- Presbytery reconvened in morning. Rev. A. D. Minick spoke at devotional service 11:30 to 12:00. Presbytery adjourned Tuesday afternoon.

Tuesday Evening -- History of Spruce Creek Church written by Mrs. E.C. Reeve as follows delivered. Pictures of old homesteads and historical spots of valley shown by John W. Newlin. Rev. A. Groendyke in charges of devotions. Music by church choir.

Wednesday, October 5 -- Historical addresses by former pastors. Letters read from former pastors. The Pine Grove Men's Chorus furnished music.

Thursday Evening - October 6 --Missionary societies of the church rally. Music by choir. Presidents and leaders of missionary societies presented and reports given. Societies: Ladies Auxiliary, Daughters of Spruce Creek, I Will Try, R.M. Campbell Band, Jennie Irvin Band and Little Light Bearers.

Saturday, October 8 -- Homecoming day. Basket luncheon at noon. Roll call of the descendants of old families, Mr. J. Warren Ingram.

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**HISTORY of the Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church of Pennsylvania Furnace  
by Mrs. E. C. Reeve**

The name "Spruce Creek" was first applied to the stream we know so well in a legal paper dated September 12th, 1766. The title of this historical sketch is "Presbyterians in Spruce Creek Valley." **Presbyterial People Arrive.** Shut your eyes for a moment. That will bring a mental picture of this wooded valley in the seventeen hundreds. Quiet, save for the birds and the wild animals, save for the

ripple of Spruce Creek, and the brooks feeding it, save for the occasional Indian parties traveling through. If any of us were to stand alone, even in 1938, high up in the Tussey mountains, we would experience that same breathtaking stillness into which our forefathers came. From whence did they come? Why did they come? By what routes did they enter the valley? When did they come? Why did villages

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spring into being at certain points? What made them locate their farms where they did?

Strange as it may seem, when we put ourselves in their places, we grasp the answers as truly as though our grandparents stood here and testified. They came to this new land to enjoy religious freedom. They came by the shortest route from eastern counties of Pennsylvania, from neighboring states, or from ships crossing the Atlantic. They came sometimes to join relatives and old neighbors. They located their farms where the springs poured forth. This accounts for the many homes close to Tussey mountains, for the springs were so inviting and so necessary. Villages sprang up where the Spruce Creek offered valuable water power for saw mills, woolen mills, fullers and flour mills.

So, they came from Switzerland, Wales, Ireland, Scotland, and England. Presbyterians pouring in by mountain trails across the Tusseys. They came by Ewing, Tussey, Brewer, Montgomery, Craine paths and the Indian Steps. They came by way of Penns Valley on the north, Half Moon valley on the west, even from Maryland by Shade Gap, Mt. Union, Water Street, to ford the Juniata finally at Spruce Creek.

For convenience I shall divide the earliest settlers into three geographical groups: The earliest and middle group locating at and near Graysville, consisting of the Travises, coming in 1777, the Craines and Deans in 1784, the Fowlers in 1783, the Ewings in 1786 together with the Clarks, Nicholson, Weaklands, 1786 and Grays. The second group at and near Seven Stars, arriving between 1780 and 1790, were the Montgomerys, 1780, McCartneys and Ingrams in 1787, the Hunters in 1789. The third group locating in Centre County and around Rock Spring were the Goheens, 1791, the Baileys in 1798, Gardners, McWilliams, Boarlands, Glens and Bells.

As soon as they had established their homes, they built a church of logs, thirty feet square in the Graysville Cemetery lot in 1805. So often we find the early churches built on hills, giving them a view in all directions, to protect themselves from Indian surprises. This church was quite spacious for that day and had galleries on two sides and one opposite the high pulpit. You can find the site because the church stood on what is now the Robert Gardner cemetery lot. So eager were they to worship in the church, that the congregation sat on the sleepers. Then later came board seats, benches with no backs.

These strong pioneers believed the Scripture that "the spirit of man is the candle of the Lord" and this spirit shining out from the little log church recalls to us the words of Jesus, "neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a

candlestick and it giveth light."

We must remember that the present valley highway was not surveyed nor built until later, so the old valley road was close to the hill-top church, between it and the ridge.

The Ewings gave what is now the old part of the cemetery for a "Free Burying Ground" and we find the oldest grave stone there is marked, "Here lies the body of James Armitage, departed this life 1804, aged 84 years." This James Armitage had a grist mill and lived on Warriors' Mark Run near the Archie Hutchinson farm. This land warrant seems to be one of the very oldest in the township, 1776. Much of our data came from the names and dates on these weather-beaten stones. We could spend a whole evening on just the cemetery with its interesting bits of information, e.g., a stone marked R. Ewing, 1827, the inscription is crude but very legible, another marked F. Gray 1827, just a mountain stone but easily read. The stone marking the resting place of Robert McCartney, prominent in the pageant story, has a weeping willow tree carved and these words,

"How short is time, our health how frail.

The scenes of earth--how soon they fail.

While life yet blooms, how oft the breath  
Is ground beneath the floods of death."

You all know that he was drowned in 1813 attempting to ford Spruce Creek. Another interesting epitaph is that of Abraham Elder and his wife Susannah of Half Moon Valley.

"Life is the time to serve the Lord  
And while the lamp holds out to burn,  
As God together did us join.  
So did He part us for a time.  
And now we both in one grave lay  
Waiting the Resurrection Day."

I cannot refrain from quoting one more epitaph, that of John Patterson,

"Adieu my wife, my life is past,  
My love you had while life did last,  
And now for me no sorrow take,  
But love our children for my sake."

But we dare not linger longer in the cemetery, and will go back into the church for our second point.

**The Pulpit.** For these 150 years the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ has been proclaimed from this pulpit of Presbyterianism by the lips of twenty-three regular pastors and supplies. We have here a sheet with names, length of service in chronological sequence. The three longest pastorates were those of Samuel Hills, Joseph Kelly, and R.M. Campbell, covering 60 of the 150 years. How different must have been their personalities, their types of preaching, their influence on the congregation. There were the



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thunderings of Father Hills, the gentle, slow, yet firm manner of Joseph Kelly, and the masterly, Calvinistic, doctrinal sermons of Richard Campbell. Whatever their failings, their problems, their successes, not once throughout a century and a half has a note of the abominable preaching of that present-day modernist been heard in this pulpit. Thank God for that. May it ever continue so, as well as in the whole of Huntingdon Presbytery.

Rev. Samuel Bryson, as the pageant showed, was the first regularly ordained pastor, 1798. He married Ann Craine, and together they lie in the Graysville cemetery. Likewise the Rev. William Boyd was laid to rest there in 1825. He married a daughter of Henry McWilliams and lived on the farm now owned by Reuben Behrer, which then was on the main road.

Without doubt there are more funny stories told about the bachelor preacher Rev. Samuel Orris than any other minister who served the church through its long history. From what we know, he must have been a real scholar, but not used to country ways and in his intense desire to be righteous, was hard on himself and everyone. The little boys sneaked out and faded away, as little boys can, to escape reciting the catechism. The little girls endured his kisses for they must. The young ladies had many a laugh over his queer ways, as young ladies can laugh. But he saved souls and after a pastorate of three years he was called to Princeton College to teach Greek and there he remained for the rest of his life. He found his place as a professor in the hearts of his boys and was honored by a verse in the oft suppressed Faculty Song, whose statements were often far from the truth.

"Oh here's to Sister Orris dear,  
Who eats his figs and drinks his beer.  
Old Cams' pronouncing grates his ear.  
Oh here's to Sister Orris dear."

Sister Orris he remains in the memory of Princeton to this day.

These ministers preached in the high pulpit of the old log church from 1805 until 1830; in a frame building on the same site until 1858, and from then until this present time in this grand and beautiful old stone church, untouched by the ravages of the years because of the love and care bestowed upon it by tender and faithful hands.

**The Pew.** Facing the preachers in the pulpits during these 150 years were the people in the pews--no matter whether they sat on logs, the open-air services of Dry Hollow woods, on the sleepers and backless seats of the old log church or in the walnut pews of this present edifice.

Under the heading "The Pews" we are going to

peep into the personal life of the church families; so the anecdotes and quotations are given with real affection. With most of the families time has blotted out all but names and a few dates, with other we have actual happenings to tell. It would be impossible to mention every family for two reasons, viz., lack of knowledge and lack of time. The people who owned farms and whose descendants are still alive to tell about them must therefore represent the pews.

From 1800 to 1850, close on the heels of the first Presbyterians, came new families to help fill the pews, so we add to the farmers the Stewarts, Wigtons, LaPortes, Porters, Olivers, Archeys, Lyons, Johnstons, Campbells, Stalkers, Hamiltons, J.Q. Adams, Watts and the Thompsons.

As we follow the history let us notice the custom of naming the farms. We will start with the Maryland group neighbors in that state, and neighbors to be even to the fifth generation in Pennsylvania. Charles Montgomery arrived with his family in 1780 at Seven Stars, where they built a cabin near the big spring and took out a grant of land covering the present Johnston and Houck farms where descendants of his son, Thomas, still live. A daughter of Charles Montgomery married Thomas Porter, who lived near Pine Grove Mills. Her mother often mounted her horse and rode to see "Jennie." This same Jane was married a second time to Rev. William Jackson, a young Irish minister. She witnessed the Battle of Brandywine, was intensely patriotic, declared that in her youth she was not pretty but that she was clever. Speaking for her many descendants here tonight, the writer of the historical pageant, Mrs. Charlotte Porter Hiltner, and the writer of this historical sketch, Mrs. Mary Wigton Reeve, as Jane's great-granddaughters are honored to have a share in this anniversary.

Robert McCartney must have been a man of strong religious fervor, for it was at his home at the top of the hill at Franklinville, where a Mr. Briggs now lives, that they held the special meeting of Presbytery to ordain and install the first pastor of the Graysville church. Robert McCartney married Nancy Orr and her daughter, Mary Ann, was married to John, son of William Ingram.

William Ingram, married to Mary Johnston of Hancock, Maryland, a relative of President Andrew Johnston, settled on Cool Run Farms. They brought four families of slaves with them. Some names are handed down as "Black Mary," "Black Henry," "Black Tom," and "Black Maria." The colored folks had little cabins along Cool Run between the Ingram stone house and the mountain woods, also near a spring in one of the fields. Eighteen months after they arrived in Pennsylvania William Ingram freed the



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slaves and paid them wages, but they were evidently lonely and soon left for the sunny South. In 1817 William Ingram married a neighbor, Mary Nicholson, and she was the mother of Else Ingram Wigton. The story goes that he used to ride across the mountain to Manor Hill church by Brewer path and his son John, riding behind him had to get off and walk where the path was steepest in order to save the horse. Mention of the Brewer path brings up the story of Mr. Clark, who lived on what is now the Wert farm, up in the mountain fields. His friend, Mr. Brewer, on the opposite side of Tussey Mountain, came across to pay a visit and was treed by a bear. He was some distance from Mr. Clark's cabin, but he yelled with all his might "An old she-bear and two cubs, bring dogs and gun-an old she-bear and two cubs, bring dogs and gun." Mr. Clark hurried up the mountain slope and killed the bear.

Next we come to Abram Deans' farm, later called "The Willows" and the Travis farm, named "Moulines." Nan Dean, Abraham Deans' daughter, Aunt Amelia Ingram, and John and George Travis and the Craines were all members of the Graysville Church choir and sweet singers they were. The Craines were the very earliest settlers and Craine's path was a land-mark.

Adjoining the Craine farm came the Ewing's 350 acres, named Aughnacloy, now owned by James Oliver and Oscar Gilliland. The Ewings have a real Indian story to tell. Their family first settled in Stone Valley. A sister of Alexander Ewing with a McCormick girl went to the spring for water. Growing anxious over their long absence, Alexander followed them, only to be shot through the heel by an Indian and to lose trace of the girls. Months passed, when they finally were found in Montreal, Canada, where ransom money secured freedom for the Ewing girl, but the McCormick girl refused to return.

The Weaklands owned an improvement next to the Travis farm. Alexander Ewing married Leander Weakland, an Irish-Catholic girl, who united with him at the Graysville church. The name Leander is handed down in several of the Valley families. A bit of her Irish green wedding veil is still preserved.

The Ewings intermarried with the Grays who maintained small public houses about the year 1800 and it was for them the village of Graysville was named.

A most interesting story comes to light, the sale of the village of Graysville. Its founder, John Gray, had visions of a town all laid out in lots, with streets properly named and alleys crossing the streets. A deed written on parchment, now in the possession of Mrs. Edith Travis Sample, is dated September 22,

1819, and conveys from John Gray to John Travis the village of Graysville for one hundred dollars. There were two streets, High Street and Lower Street. The village was subdivided into 108 lots each 50 by 132 feet. Streets were to be fifty feet wide. On the plan two alleys are shown on one side of Fowlers Run and Bank Street on the other. John Gray's farm house, garden and barn evidently front on Fowlers Run and the indications are that the Gray house stood on the farm now owned by Ellery Ellenberger.

William McWilliams owned a farm near Meeks church and for years his descendants have lived on a farm near Graysville. Judge Jonathan McWilliams was a very representative man of the valley and was born in 1797. His home on the present Cloyd Ewing farm, close to the mountain, must have been a fine residence. He was a blacksmith in his youth, later turning more attention to farming. He was a lover to tobacco and is quoted as saying, "I have wielded the hammer furiously for forty years, and chewed tobacco brutishly." His daughter, Mary Anna, married the Rev. Thomas Stevenson, uncle of Dr. J. Ross Stevenson of Princeton Seminary. They say the lane was so long and the view from the house so good that Mary Ann could smooth her hair and put on a white apron before the Rev. Thomas arrived after being first sighted. Also that the dog was trained to run after a chicken when the worthy suitor turned into the lane. I do not vouch for the truth of the latter story, but being a woman I am sure Mary Ann did fix up to greet the visitor. Grandfather Christopher Wigton and Judge McWilliams were great friends and I have here the cane made from a thorn branch which Judge McWilliams once presented to him.

Next we take up the story of the Bailey family. Richard Bailey and his wife, Mary Wilson, and seven children crossed the Atlantic from Ireland. One daughter, Nancy, died and was buried at sea. They settled in Spruce Creek Valley in 1798. Bailey descendants evidently owned four farms joining at the crossroads at Baileyville, where the Denton Peterson, J.B. Goheen, Cloyd Ewing and Glenn farms now meet. They called this Bailey Square. They had a mill and a store and these with the four farms would indicate that they were thrifty and prosperous. Richard Bailey died sitting in his chair in 1812.

John Goheen came from Wales, fought in the Revolutionary War and for his services received a grant of 360 acres bounty land in Westmoreland County. He journeyed from near Philadelphia with his family and stock, riding and walking, until they reached a little inn at Rock Spring in 1791, where they stopped to rest over night. Taking a fancy to this location, especially the farm where the Spruce

Creek has its headwaters under a huge rock, well known as Rock Spring. When he arrived he stuck his staff into the ground near the spring and the willow rod grew into a great tree, according to the word of a relative. John Goheen never went any father west. Here he was content to live. He died in 1815 and was buried on his own farm, on the mountain. There the family graves were marked by brown mountain stones. Relatives down to the fifth generation still live on the old farm.

The Gardners came from the north of Ireland. Robert Gardner was born in 1750, coming to America with a Mr. Milliken in 1774. He lived for a while in Kishocoquillas Valley where he married Nancy Milliken, and not long afterwards bought a farm in Ferguson Township, Centre County, Spruce Creek Valley. We regret that we know so little about the Boarlands and Bells of this same period. From the tombstones at Graysville we know of George Bell, born 1812 and of Margaret Boarland, his wife, born in 1814.

Many noble and fine men and women have gone out from these families who were the early occupants of the pews to take places of distinction in the world. They have made history. Perhaps in another hundred years you who now fill the pews and carry the responsibilities today will have history written about you.

**Periods of Spruce Creek Presbyterianism.** The Presbyterian settler of Spruce Creek valley accepted life on its simplest terms--the getting of food, shelter, clothes, neighbors, church and a bit of education.

At the beginning of the eighteenth century, rich ore deposits, undeveloped water power and abundance of timber for charcoal, attracted iron manufacturers to Spruce Creek Valley. The next seventy years form a tale in themselves of colorful prosperity and swift living. Because the leadership of the iron furnaces was essentially Presbyterian we should include this period in the history of the church.

With the Hamiltons at Huntingdon Furnace, the Stewarts at Colrain, Wigtons at Franklin Forge, Lyons and Porters at Pennsylvania Furnace, J.Q. Adams at the Axe Factory and riches pouring into the iron masters' hands, steady work and good pay came to enrich the alley. With chapels as branches of the Graysville church, established at Baileyville and Colerain for families of iron furnace employees, we catch a glimpse of great days in the life of the church. It was a period of gaiety in the lives of many young people; of increased education and opportunities; a real swing of the pendulum from the austere and painfully poor advantages of the first settlers.

Throughout all, the church was always the center of the valley life. The Pennsylvania Furnace people came in a tallyho to church. Surely life for youth in that period was not so circumscribed as we are often led to believe, when Cousin Mila Porter would shout in glee as the tallyho pulled away from the church, "All aboard for the Furnace." The church was the center of beauty and fashion. The Lyon girls are supposed to have walked in the church with parasols raised on one occasion. Do not ask me why. The iron masters had large families and entertained lavishly. Many distinguished guests from far and near overflowed the beautiful homes and their spacious grounds. The younger men rode horses to church and the older folks came in buggies. Can you picture a procession of the boys galloping home? However, they were not supposed to pass the older folks. It was not polite. I know of some who waxed bold and one day passed Mr. Davy Stewart, father of Miss Kate, who waved his buggy whip laughing and took them with the good understanding of a boy's heart and the inherent love for a race. That was the day of silk hats, stock collars and canes. The day when little boys wore ruffled shirts, much to their disgust. They played, they rode, they danced and best of all they sang and O, those church choirs sang--James LaPorte, Lavina and Bob Ingram, Jane Lyon, Miss Kate Stewart, the Goheens, the Porters. Even Philadelphia visitors genuinely praised the magnificence of their voices. The iron furnaces came to Spruce Creek Valley. They passed, but they left a vital memory we of this day believe. The iron of that age passed into the character of men and women of today. The iron of love of country and of their gift of lives to the Civil War; the iron of perseverance, of ability to face hardships, of initiative to overcome strange situations, the iron of accomplishment and courage. Let us thank God for the iron furnace period.

How swiftly the valley people passed under the cloud of the terrible war within the Union and needed to put to use all their qualities of endurance and renunciation. Home after home gave up its sons to save a country. Because of their sadness we pass swiftly across those years, but the flags on the graves, the memorial services under the maples tell the story of their sacrifice more eloquently than our feeble words.

With the exception of the troubled war days of 1917 and 1918, the past 75 years of our church history have been peaceful, with a rich spiritual life. Besides maintaining the gospel in their own community, they have been pouring out their blessings to the ends of the earth. Rev. J. Milliken

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Goheen and Nancy Bell went as missionaries to India. Through their lives, the devotion of the second Mrs. Goheen, Manna McGinnis, the work of the sons, Dr. Robert H.H. Goheen, John L. Goheen, now in India, and daughter, Frances, Mrs. G.W. Avison of Chosen (Korea), many thousands have been brought to know Jesus Christ.

Five ministers have gone out from Spruce Creek to preach the unsearchable riches of the gospel of Jesus Christ: Rev. J. Milliken Goheen, Rev. J.O.C. Oliver, Rev. John O. McCracken, Rev. William L. Porter and Rev. William Potter VanTries. May God call other children of this church to follow them.

Precious is the recollection of the women who have led missionary bands and societies--Miss Kate Stewart, Miss Sue Campbell, Mrs. Annie Goheen McWilliams, Mrs. Jennie Jackson Wigton, Miss Ellen Oliver. The present enthusiastic and faithful support of Presbyterian mission work shows how well they taught and trained young people for leadership. The custom still prevails of having an all-day meeting in the church once a year for all organizations, eating dinner together, visiting and bringing in their yearly reports, bringing in their sheaves.

**Conclusion:** Across the 150 years, you of the Graysville church have written a story. Your roots have sunk down into the soil. Those who own land,

love it. Those who have moved away want to come back for feast days and anniversaries. There is a depth to your characters which you owe to this old church. Some lament over the moving in of people on the farms who are not church-going folks. You all know what happens when a farmer's family does not have the habit of church attendance. Without the high ideals of the church they are bound to slide down into temptations and unhappy lives.

Hitherto has God led you. He has never forsaken you. No more beautiful words have ever been written than those of King Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the first temple. Listen to them as we make them our prayer to God for His continued presence here.

"Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O Lord, my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer which thy servant prayeth before Thee today. That Thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place of which thou hast said, 'My name shall be there'; that Thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which Thy servant shall make toward this place, . . . and hear Thou in heaven Thy dwelling place and when Thou hearest, forgive."



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**"RECOGNITION NIGHT"**

Saturday, June 14, 1958 - 8:00 P.M.

Rev. David F. Suetterlein

Minister

Mrs. Samuel Lake

Organist

Organ Prelude - "Andante Seraphique".....Debat-Ponsan

Hymn 192-"All Hail The Power of Jesus Name"

Call to Worship

Minister: Blessed are all they that dwell in Thy House.

Response: Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness.

Minister: Blessed is the man whose strength is in Three.

Response: Blessed is everyone that feareth the Lord and walketh in His ways.

Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Gloria Patri

Solo - "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" ..... O'Hara

Soloist, Miss Nancy Jeanne Kerr - Accompanist, Miss Carol Lake

Scripture-I Corinthians 3:10-23.....The Rev. Alfred E. Behrer

Evening Prayer .....The Rev. Alfred E. Behrer

Recognition of Ministers and Former Members

Offertory - "May Night".....Palmgren

Solo - "I Heard the Voice Of Jesus Say".....Rathbun

Soloist, Miss Nancy Jeanne Kerr - Accompanist, Miss Carol Lake

Presentation of Church's History..... Mr. William E. Artman

Hymn 336 - "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

Benediction and Choral Amen

Organ Postlude - "Marche Romaine" ..... Gounod

**"MORNING WORSHIP"**

Sunday, June 15, 1958 - 10:30 A.M.

Rev. David F. Suetterlein

Minister

Mrs. James Lake

Organist

Organ Prelude - "Tersanctus".....Lorenz

Doxology

Call to Worship

Minister: I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in His word do I hope.

Response: My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they wait for the morning sun.

Minister: They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength;

Response: They shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Gloria Patri

Psalter Selection 51.....The Rev. Alfred E. Behrer

Hymn 57 - "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Scripture - Luke 9:10-11, Matthew 10:1 .....The Rev. C. Oscar Anderson

Pastoral Prayer.....The Rev. Rankin S. Caldwell

Anthem - "Bless This House" .....Brahe-Cain

The Junior Choir - Accompanist, Miss Carol Lake

Offertory - "Voix Seraphique" .....Williams

Hymn 341 - "In Christ There Is No East or West"

Address - "Medical Missions Past and Present"

Dr. Robert H. H. Goheen

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Anthem - "The Lord Is My Light" ..... Stoughton  
The Adult Choir  
Re-dedication of Building..... The Rev. David F. Suetterlein  
Hymn 333 - "The Church's One Foundation"  
Benediction and Choral Amen  
Organ Postlude - "Jubilant March" ..... Shepherd

**THE SESSION**

Rev. David F. Suetterlein, Moderator; George C. Lake, Clerk; John C. Behrer; Alexander E. Johnston; Robert W. Reed; J. Maxwell Ward; Robert J. Wigton. An elder not serving on the Session at the present time due to the Rotary System is James S. Oliver.

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**Graysville-**

John C. Behrer, General Superintendent; James S. Oliver, Jr., Assistant Superintendent; Bernie Beck, Secretary; Eddie Johnston, Librarian; Alex Johnston, Treasurer.

**Baileyville-**

Chalmer D. Wheland, General Superintendent; Merle L. Rossman, Assistant Superintendent; Betty Gunsallus, Secretary; Joseph Fye, Librarian; Paul Sunday, Treasurer.

**THE MINISTRY OF MISSIONS**

Daughter of S. C. Missionary Society ..... Miss Mary Peterson, President  
I Will Try Missionary Society ..... Miss Maude Miller, President  
The World Friendship Society ..... Eddie Johnston, President  
R. M. Campbell Band ..... Wayne Poust, Secretary  
Ladies Aid Society ..... Mrs. Melvin Peters, President

**THE CHURCH'S OWN MINISTER**

The Rev. Alfred E. Behrer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Behrer was born in March 1924. He graduated from the Warriors Mark-Franklin High School in 1941 and then went on to get his A.B. degree from Juniata College in 1945. During his Seminary work at Princeton, he took a year's internship in North Dakota, graduating in 1949 with a B.D. degree from Princeton. He spent the following year at Dubuque University. Since then he has been the successful pastor of the Edgington Presbyterian Church, Taylor Ridge, Illinois. We are proud of this one who has entered into full time Christian Service.

**MISSIONARIES SERVING OUR CHURCH**

Dr. and Mrs. Paul Pendell ..... Cameroun, Africa  
Rev. and Mrs. Charles Heier ..... Kake, Alaska

**THE CHURCH MUSIC**

Mrs. Samuel L. Lake ..... Choir Director  
Mrs. James S. Oliver, Jr. .... Organist  
Mrs. James H. Lake ..... Organist  
Miss Lindsay Lake ..... Organist

## The Building of the First Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church

One hundred years ago on the 26th day of March 1858, the Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church was dedicated – “to the worship of God.” The Rev. Dr. D. X. Junkin of Hollidaysburg delivered the dedication sermon and made the dedication prayer. The Rev. Mr. Thomas Stevenson, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church read the Scriptures while the Rev. M. George Elliott announced the Psalmody and the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Mr. John Elliott, made the concluding prayer and pronounced the benediction.

This new church, according to the records of the Session, had its inception as early as April 12, 1856; for the minutes of the Session on that date recorded by the Rev. Mr. D. L. Hughes, moderator, record that “after some little consultation about the new church enterprise,” (the Session meeting) Closed with prayer.”

A statistical report of the First Church, April 1856 to April 1857, by the Rev. D. L. Hughes, submitted to Presbytery at Lewistown on April 1857, records, “a subscription of about \$4000 to put up a new building and are pushing it forward with commendable energy” – “also \$200 toward Church extension in Tyrone City.”

While this congregation seemed to find the worldly wherewithal to build for themselves and at the same time help others. they were evidently somewhat lax in their religious zeal; for in this same report the Rev. Hughes states, “Our religious services are usually well attended, but I cannot say that there is any special religious interest in either of my congregations” – “The good work of the Lord, however, we believe is going forward and not backward.”

The church stands on a section of land purchased December 12, 1843 for the consideration of \$1.00 by “Adam Rankin, John Ingram and John Bailey, Jr. Trustees of the Spruce Creek Presbyterian Congregation, adjoining other lands of trustees of the congregation, beginning at a post by the public road and containing 12.2. 10 perches. Part of a land grant by the Commonwealth of Pa., 1810, to Alexander Ewing, for the use of said Spruce Creek Congregation of Presbyterians.” This land was purchased from James and Esther Ewing and Martin and Elizabeth Gates. Witnesses to the signatures of James Ewing and his wife were Martha Ewing and James Travis, and Jonathon McWilliams attested to the signatures of Martin Gates and his wife.

The “other lands” referred to in this record was

purchased at \$25 per acre in 1832 from James and John Ewing and was the land on which the old Frame Church stood. This church was built there about 1830 when it replaced the Congregation’s first church of logs. “This log church was about thirty feet square and had galleries on the two sides with one opposite the high pulpit “being for that day quite a spacious building. It was not finished before 1805 and at first had no seats, the congregation sitting on the sleepers” following by board seats without backs. The church had east and west gables according to one source.

The Rev. Joseph Kelly, in his Historical Sermon on Nov. 30, 1876, quoted Jane Borland as saying that she remembered her father saying people sat on the sleepers, to which he wittily added that the sleepers now sit in the pews .

In this church was started the controversy over the use of Rouses’ version of David’s Psalms versus the General Assembly’s Psalms and Hymns as recorded in the session minutes of Feb. 22, 1847. On March 20, 1847 the Session proposed that a congregational meeting to be held on April 12 should pass a resolution to “ask Presbytery to organize a new church to be built west of the Spruce Creek Church for the accommodation of those who prefer the General Assembly’s Psalms and Hymns, the friends of the book now in use in the church to have the exclusive use of the present church edifice (frame church) and to obligate themselves to pay the sum of \$500 for the purpose of erecting the new church west,” reserving the right to the use of the burial ground for both congregations.

A committee composed of Jonathan McWilliams, Adam Rankin and John McCurdy, upon ascertaining that the congregation was not willing to approve such a resolution, asked to be dismissed and the Session decided to ask the Presbytery to send a commission to settle the controversy which had started during the ministry of the Rev. John White, who served as pastor from September 3, 1845 to April 1847.

The split in the congregation, however, was effected on October 25, 1847 when the First church elected as elders, Christopher Wigton and William Riley, who were ordained, and John Gardner and James Oliver who asked for time to consider their election. They never did accept the office, but Adam Rankin was elected and ordained instead. The Rev. Daniel L. Hughes was called as the first pastor on March 12, 1848.

The First Church, which was in the majority and preferred the General Assembly’s collection of Psalms

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and Hymns was called the First Church and an application was made to Presbytery for that part of the congregation preferring the use of David's Psalms to form the Second Church. Both congregations used the frame church on the cemetery lot until the present stone church was built. The excavation and foundation for this church was started in the fall of 1856. Bruce McIlwain tells that his father who was born in 1830, and his father being a mason, told him that a number of German Masons came in that fall, found the quick sand, made their mortar and buried it deep, as was the practice of the early masons, to ripen until spring when they actually laid the foundation.

Mr. W. B. Johnston advocated the use of cedar logs and Mr. L. W. Bathurst suggested walnut logs; but upon which it was decided to lay the foundation we are not certain. Which ever were used proved adequate.

The carpenters were Washington Reynolds, William Riley, Dan Frank and Squire Leech. Mr. Leech being an operator of an up and down sawmill, run by water power, near the old grist mill at Graysville.

W. B. Johnston who also operated an up and down sawmill donated some lumber and Jonathan McWilliams donated some lumber sawed by Squire Leech. Christopher Wigton also furnished some lumber, including wild cherry which was used for the old pulpit. The shingles were made of split shingle oak, a very straight grained wood. It was probable that the Graffiuses around Alexandria made the shingles for they made such shingles which were used all around the county.

James Oliver, who had been a contractor in building canals, was experienced in handling stone. The stone for the church was quarried on his farm, which is now owned by Mr. Ellery Ellenberger, and hauled to the site by sled and two-wheeled dump cart.

The church measuring 45 x 76 feet by one account and 45 x 66 feet by another, was "built of blue limestone, heated from the basement and was one of the most complete country churches in the county." It was built in the pastorate of the Rev. John Elliott (1857) and cost about \$6000.

Soon after the dedication a notice published in the Presbyterian stated, it is neatly finished within and without, pews handsomely upholstered, the pulpit a model of elegant simplicity, carpets, lamps, every thing complete. The ladies of the congregation having attended to the furnishing on the interior, a very reasonable request was made from the pulpit viz., that gentlemen would use no tobacco in this church."

The Second Church, or Psalm Singers, continued

to use the frame meeting house until May 1859 when the two churches reunited under the Rev. John Elliott. The old frame church was then taken down and removed to Rock Springs to be used for afternoon meetings held by the residents in that part of the valley and for Sunday School until in 1873 when it was sold to private parties.

The Rev. J. C. Kelly said in his historical sermon on Thanksgiving Day of 1876 that before the dedication prayer on the day the church was dedicated in 1856 it was announced that "the church was paid for and was the property of the people who were about to offer it to the Lord."

And not an uninteresting part of the history of the day was the fact that the morning service wound up with a collection of nearly one hundred dollars for the Board of Education. How many congregations would have been disposed to say "Oh, we can't give to the Board now, we have just spent six thousand dollars on our own church, we pray thee have us excused this year." Thanks to God for this example and for the pleasant prospects before the Pastor of Spruce Creek. From the Historical Memorial of the Centennial Anniversary of the Presbytery of Huntingdon we learn that the congregation had given \$625 for church extension in Tyrone City during 1858.

Over the years since 1858 various changes and major repairs have been made. On October 12, 1897, a congregational meeting instructed the trustees to proceed to roof the building with the roofing which they thought best and cheapest and again in 1926 money totaling \$865.00 was raised to roof the church and to do other repairs.

The men of the church dug out a room in the cellar and a furnace was installed in 1925. Then in 1938 the downstairs, which is presently the kitchen and Sunday School was repaired. During this year the choir loft was moved to the front of the church and an electric organ was installed in time for the sesqui-centennial celebration.

In 1948 the furnace was repaired and running water and electric stoves were installed. The Ladies Aid carpeted the main auditorium of the church. The fourth roof was put on in 1954, and rest rooms were built in the basement. In the years 1930, 1940 and 1952 the exterior of the building was painted by church members.

While we are thinking now about the centennial anniversary of a church building we cannot help but look at this history of a church in its fullest meaning - in the meaning which Jesus used when he said, "Now, I tell you. Peter is your name, and on this rock I will build my church; the powers of Hades



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shall not succeed against it" (Matt. 16:18). The Spruce Creek church of that period of strife over psalmody did not lose its faith in Christ, but continued to praise God by worship and by its worldly contributions to the work of the church at home, as well as elsewhere.

From the early history of the congregation, we who now must carry the faith of our fathers, find an example set for us so that we might also find the faith that will help us to survive the many petty differences which would divide our church as the powers of Hades would have them.

As we memorialize the dedication of a church "to the worship of God," let us also dedicate ourselves to

a renewed faith in God and let us renew our vows to support our church by attendance at its services, by our financial contributions, and by our prayers.

Centennial Program Committee: Mr. Alex Johnston, Chr., Mr. James Oliver, Jr., Mrs. Lee Ellenberger, Mrs. Anna Houck.

Centennial Historical Committee: Mr. Robert Wigton, Chr., Mrs. Mary W. Reeves, Miss Nora Goheen, Mr. James Oliver, Sr., Mr. Robert Reed.



## 120th Anniversary of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church Building

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Copied from the *Altoona Mirror*, Saturday, March 25, 1978 (*Incorrect County is error of paper*)

### **Centre County Church Marks Anniversary**

One of the oldest congregations in the Huntingdon Presbytery will mark the 120th anniversary of the completion of its present church building this year.

The Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church, located between Seven Stars and Rock Springs in Centre County, has often attracted the attention of passing motorists.

The gray stone two-story building is actually located at Graysville, a small village, and replaced a frame church in 1858.

The original church was a log building located in the middle of the church cemetery at the top of the hill above the church.

Early records show that no heat was provided in the church and parishioners brought foot stoves and warm rocks to withstand the cold. The minister in the winter -time often preached with his coat buttoned tightly around his neck and a heavy scarf wrapped around the collar.

The site has witnessed all forms of transportation from the trader's pack horse to the modern automobile passing by over the 189 years the congregation has been in existence.

Presbyterianism first came into the Central Pennsylvania area when the Rev. Charles Beatty, chaplain to the regiment commanded by Gen. John Armstrong, stopped at the Beaver Dams while on the way to destroy the Indian village at Kittanning in 1756.

It is recorded in the company log that Rev. Beatty preached a Sunday sermon at the Beaver Dams.

Rev. Beatty was educated in Ireland, and could speak in addition to Greek and Latin the English and German languages.

He came to America and became a pack trader, working along the Maryland border and later in Western Pennsylvania. It was while selling his goods in Pennsylvania that he began conversing in Greek and Latin with an official of the Presbyterian church who convinced Beatty he should take up the ministry. He later preached throughout many areas in Central Pennsylvania and did much to further Presbyterianism in the area.



The Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church whose congregation dates back to 1789 will mark the 120th anniversary of the completion of its present church building at Graysville. The two-story structure shown is an example of church architecture of the first half of the 19th Century and is in an excellent state of preservation.

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Copied from the *The Centre Daily Times*,  
Friday, March 24, 1978

### **Spruce Creek Church Planning Observance**

This Easter Sunday the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church will celebrate 120th anniversary of the church structure, which was dedicated March 26, 1958. "The structure, as it stands, is as sturdy as it was at the time of construction 120 years ago," says the pastor, the Rev. Donald McIlvride.

The anniversary observance will follow the 6:15 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service and 7:30 to 9 a.m. Easter breakfast. A commemoration program, with rededication of the building will be held at 10 a.m. Included will be photographs, histories and articles supplied by members of the congregation. The Easter service will be at 11 a.m.

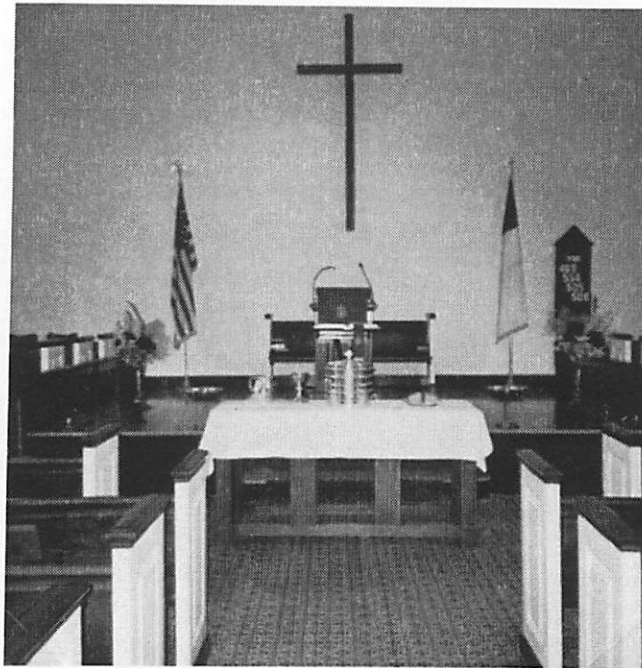
Participants in the commemoration program will include Mr. McIlvride, Charles Behrer, Ida Bresler, Robert Oliver, Alvin Houck, Merle Rossman, Gladys

Ellenberger and Ruth Ann Behrer. The church history for the commemoration service has been prepared by Kirk W. Behrer.

The present church building, located along Rt. 45 in Spruce Creek Valley, was preceded by frame and log structures, both of which had been constructed at a spot behind the present building, where Graysville Cemetery is now located.

The congregation had its beginnings in the late 1700s with some records indicating 1788, "though that congregation met at a location closer to Warriors Mark than the present meeting place," the pastor says.

The 169-member congregation has been made up mostly of rural families from the Baileyville, Pennsylvania Furnace, Warriors Mark and Spruce Creek areas. "Its number has been relatively constant over the past 25 years," Mr. McIlvride says. . . .  
*(The article continues summarizing Kirk Behrer's research and history which follows.)*



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## A SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION 120th Anniversary of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church Building March 26, 1858—March 26, 1978

### PROGRAM

Call to Worship.....Alvin Houck

Hymn of Praise #140..... "The Church's One Foundation"

Litany for the Church..... Merle Rossman

Almighty God: you built your church on the rock of human faith and trust; we praise you for Jesus Christ, the foundation and cornerstone of all we believe.

WE PRAISE YOU, GOD.

For the faith of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and for Moses, who led your people out of slavery, and established the law in their hearts;

WE PRAISE YOU, GOD

For the prophets who listened for your word and called your people back from disobedience and from the worship of man-made gods;

WE PRAISE YOU, GOD.

For those who foretold the coming of your Son Jesus Christ, and prepared the way for his birth;

WE PRAISE YOU, GOD.

For Mary and Joseph, who taught him to love you and trained him in synagogue and temple to serve you;

WE PRAISE YOU, GOD.

For Christ, our Savior, who loved us and gave himself for us on the cross;

WE PRAISE YOU, GOD.

For the apostles and martyrs of the church, who gave their lives that we, in our day, might receive the good news of grace and forgiveness;

WE PRAISE YOU, GOD.

For the great men and women of history, whose love for your church made it a willing instrument of your care and mercy;

WE PRAISE YOU, GOD.

For the men and women of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church whose service and ministry lives as a witness to their Lord:

WE PRAISE YOU, GOD.

Scripture Lesson - I Corinthians 3:10-34 ..... Gladys Ellenberger

Recognition Hymn #149 ..... "The Church in the Wildwood"

Our Congregational Heritage ..... Charles Behrer, Ida Bresler, Robert Oliver

Processional Hymn #219 ..... "Faith of Our Fathers"

Rededication of the Building..... Donald McIlvride

Hymn of Rededication #160 ..... "Blest Be the Tie"

Benediction

Ruth Ann Behrer, Pianist

### OUR CONGREGATIONAL HERITAGE

*researched and written by Kirk W. Behrer, March, 1978.*

The first reference to Presbyterians meeting in this area occurred in 1786. On the fourth Sabbath of June, 1786, Rev. Matthew Stevens preached by appointment of the Presbytery at Warriors Marks, presently called Warriors Mark. The exact spot where the sermon was preached would be interesting to know, but it is impossible, despite intense research, to know for sure. Possibly it was in some man's house, in a crude barn, or as it was June, under a leafy shade tree. Mr. Samuel Wilson also preached on the third Sabbath of May in 1788.

But though the spot where the first sermon was preached remains unknown, there is no difficulty in locating the spot where probably not long afterwards the first church was built. The first church in all this country between the Little Juniata and the end of Nittany Mountain was built in the Dry Hollow about one mile south of Warriors Mark, a half mile west of the Ore Bank and near two springs, which are easily identified from the fact that they are the only springs to be found anywhere in Dry Hollow. It stood upon a triangular piece of land comprising fourteen acres owned by two Jews, Himon and Simon Gratz, who sold in 1808 to Judge Gloniger.

Over a hundred years later, around 1886, there still remained a slight mound of elevation marking the very same spot where the church stood. But after the church was abandoned, it burned in a forest fire. Later a log cabin occupied the same spot, and the slight mound was the remains of both. The place was overgrown with young timber, and at the west side, under a dense growth of underbrush, it was reported that graves were seen, distinctly marked with head and foot stones.

Ministers who served this church were Mr. James Martin, 1789-1794, Rev. John Johnston, who preached the third Sabbath of November, 1795. A Mr. Stevens preached on the third Sabbath of September, 1797. On October 5, 1796 a Benjamin Davidson spoke at a meeting of the Presbytery and took the seat as elder of this church, and made supplications for supplies.

In 1797, a Mr. Wiley preached on the first Sabbath of May, and Mr. Samuel Bryson preached on the second Sabbath of June in the same year.

At the October 2, 1798 meeting of the Presbytery at Pine Creek, Mr. Samuel Bryson accepted a call for his pastoral services. At the time the call was accepted, he had not been ordained, and arrangements were made to ordain and install him. The time appointed was November 20, 1798; the place, the house of Mr. Robert McCartney on Spruce

Creek, and accordingly then and there "Mr. Samuel Bryson was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry and installed as pastor of the united congregations of Spruce Creek and Sinking Valley." He became the first candidate ever licensed by the Presbytery of Huntingdon. From this time on, Warriors Mark is mentioned only in connection with Spruce Creek.

Old records show that in 1798 there was a meeting house in Spruce Creek, but whether this was an actual church or a home is not known for certain. Mr. Bryson served this church until the fall of 1803, at which time he requested he be released as minister of this congregation. After 1803 the church was without a pastor for thirteen years, but was supplied at times by Rev. James Linn, Rev. William Stuart and Rev. John Hutchison and other members of the Presbytery.

The first formal Spruce Creek church was located at Graysville, and was completed late in 1805. It was thirty feet square, had east and west gables, and there was a high pulpit with a gallery on three sides. This was quite a good church for that early day, but it was some time, perhaps several years, before it was completely furnished, but it had board seats without backs. This church stood on a hill, where Graysville Cemetery is now located, south of the row of elms which marked the old highway.

Rev. William A. Boyd was ordained and installed as pastor of the Spruce Creek and Sinking Valley congregations in 1817. Four and a half years later he resigned because of ill health.

In 1822 the church was supplied by John McIlhenny. On the 13th day of June 1823, Presbytery met in this church expecting to install him as pastor of this church and the church of Sinking Valley. But as they were about to proceed, a woman who had followed him from Ireland appeared and claimed that she was his wife. But Mr. McIlhenny declared she was not his wife and that he was unmarried. In his answer before Presbytery, he positively denied her statement and heroically declared, "They might hang him to the tallest tree in America, but he would never live with her." He failed, however, to convince the Presbytery that his domestic relations were without suspicion, and they refused to install him.

The church was then supplied by various

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\* From a sermon preached Thanksgiving Day, November by Reverend Joseph C. Kelly and recorded by hand in the minute book of the Church.



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persons, including Rev. Samuel Hill, who was installed as pastor on October 11, 1827, and who served until October, 1843.

During his ministry, in 1830, a new frame church was built, which took the place of the old log church on the hill

Rev. Hill's principal failing was a weakness for long sermons. On one occasion he came down from the pulpit and addressed Mr. John Lyon with the remark, "I am tired." "And so am I," was the truthful, and rather keen reply.

He was also very outspoken regarding drinking, and on one occasion someone entered the church and with an axe hewed the pulpit Bible to shreds.

It was also during Rev. Hill's ministry, in 1828, that a Sabbath School was organized in Baileyville.

Rev. John White was the next pastor, serving from 1845 to 1847. During his ministry the congregation was divided on the subject of Psalmody. The old organization, which was in the majority and preferred the General Assembly's collection of Psalms and Hymns, was then called the First Church; the new, which adhered to Rouse's version of David's Psalms, the Second Church of Spruce Creek.

Both used the same church building, until the First Church constructed the present stone building in 1858. During this period, the First Church was served by Rev. Daniel L. Hughes from 1848 to 1857, and the Second Church by Rev. Israel W. Ward, from 1849 to 1853, and Rev. Thomas Stevenson, from 1854 to 1859. Rev. John Elliot succeeded Rev. Hughes as pastor of the First Church, and it was during his ministry, in May, 1858, the First and Second Churches were reunited and formed one congregation. When the two congregations reunited, the old frame church on the hill was abandoned as a place of worship. It was afterwards removed, however, to Rock Springs and used for an afternoon appointment and Sabbath School, until 1878, when it was sold to private parties.

During this separation, the present stone church was built by the First Church. The construction began in the fall of 1856, when the First Church started excavation and had masons prepare mortar which was buried deep to "ripen" until spring, when the foundation for the new church was laid. The carpenters were Washington Reynolds, William Riley, Dan Frank, and Squire Leech. Lumber was donated by squire Leech, who operated an up and down water-powered saw mill adjacent to the grist mill at Graysville; by W. B. Johnston, who also operated a saw mill; by Jonathon McWilliams and Christopher Wigton; and by Christopher Wigton, whose wild cherry wood was used to make the pulpit.

James Oliver, who had experience with stone work as a contractor on the canals, used stone quarried from the Ellenberger farm which was hauled to the site by sled and a two-wheeled dump cart. This building was dedicated March 26, 1858. It measured 45 x 75 feet, and cost \$6,000. The church seated approximately 228.

Soon after the dedication, a notice published in the "Presbyterian" stated: "It is neatly finished within and without, pews handsomely upholstered, pulpit a model of elegant simplicity, carpets, lamps, everything complete. The ladies of the congregation having attended to the furnishings of the interior, a very reasonable request was made from the pulpit, viz.: 'that gentlemen would use no tobacco in this church.'"

After the ministry of Rev. John Elliot, the following ministers served this congregation: William Alexander, Oscar A. Hills, S.S. Orris, Joseph C. Kelley, under whose ministry the church at Baileyville was built in 1878, T.S. Armentrout, C.H. Love, R.M. Campbell, Harry D. Fleming, Albert D. Minnick, Samuel R. Brown, Albertus Groendyke, Lyle J. Beebe, Charles W. Best, David F. Suetterlein, Donald Davis, under whose ministry the church at Baileyville was discontinued, Claude Clever, T.T. Moore, and Donald McIlvride, the present minister.

Many improvements have been made to our present church building throughout the years. In 1925 the basement was dug out and a furnace installed. In 1938, the choir loft in the sanctuary was moved to the front of the church, and an electric organ installed in time for the sesqui-centennial celebration. The same year the downstairs, which is presently the kitchen and Sunday School rooms, was repaired. In 1948 the furnace was repaired and running water and electric stoves were installed. The women's organization carpeted the main auditorium of the church. In 1954, the fourth roof was put on, and rest rooms built in the basement. In 1930, 1940 and 1952, the exterior of the building was painted by church members. Also, throughout the years, many families have donated memorials to the church in honor of deceased members.

The congregation has had two parsonages, both near each other, about a mile from the church in Pennsylvania Furnace. The first was built somewhere between 1850 and 1857 by ironmaster John Lyons, a member and great supporter of the church, as a gift to the church. In 1948, this parsonage was sold and the house next door became the parsonage. The present parsonage was completed in 1919 and owned by Corrinne Copley who lived there with her sister, Ada.

## History Update since 1978

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Toward the end of his presidency, James (Jimmy) Carter was a frequent guest of the Wayne Harpster family to various fishing trips. The Session wrote President Carter a letter inviting him to attend church services at anytime during his visits. On World Communion Sunday, October 5, 1980, our congregation had the honor and privilege of having President Carter worship with us.

On June 30, 1986, Rev. Donald McIlvride left our congregation as minister. During the period between his absence and our next minister, Rev. John W. Davis served our church as stated supply from July 1, 1986, to August 31, 1987.

In the fall of 1987, our church welcomed Rev. David Crow, his wife, Kim, and infant daughter, Paige. Since this was his first congregation, he was ordained in our church and was installed on January 10, 1988. He remained with our church until May 1, 1994. During Rev. Crow's ministry, his family grew with the addition of a son, Gabriel, and a daughter, Tess. With a growing family in the manse, it was necessary for Rev. Crow to move his office into the back choir loft of the church.

Following Rev. Crow's departure, Rev. Carl D. Campbell of the Pine Grove Mills Presbyterian Church served as moderator of our church, and we had various ministers and lay-people.

During this time without a minister, the manse received a much needed renovation to make more updated and comfortable living quarters for future ministers and their families. This included new windows, vinyl siding, roof, electrical work, painting, refinishing floors, etc.

On November 19, 1995, Rev. Ted J. Plott was installed as our current minister.

During early 1996 a new pastor's study was completed in the lower level of the church using an existing Sunday School room. This new study was equipped with heat and air-conditioning for the pastor's comfort. It is also used for various committee meetings.

Our congregation is currently planning for a bicentennial celebration in 1998. The chairpersons of the Steering Committee for this celebration are Jean Boyd and Elna Hanly. Under their direction there are several sub-committees which are heading various projects, including finance, booklet, history, celebrations and memorabilia.

Compiled by Kirk W. Behrer  
August 1997





### The Missionary Society of the Graysville Presbyterian Church From a newspaper clipping of unknown origin

The following is a historical sketch of the missionary society of the Spruce Creek church: January 2nd, 1873, a group of women met at the church to organize a missionary society to be known as the mission band of the Spruce Creek church. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Kelly, president; Mrs. Bruce Johnston, vice pres.; Miss Catherine Stewart, secretary; Miss Margaretta Stewart, treasurer; a meeting was called to be held in March. This meeting met at the parsonage, a full attendance and fine meeting. Mrs. Kelly resigned and Mrs. John Goheen was chosen president. Five persons were made life members of the society: Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Goheen, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. R.M. Porter and Miss Catherine Stewart. The band was divided into three circles, one at Rock Springs, one at Graysville and one at Colerain. The meetings to be held monthly in the different homes, November 30, 1875. The annual meeting met in the church Mrs. Goheen, president of the society presiding calling the meeting to order and gave out the fine old hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name." Then the president continued by reading a portion of the scripture and called upon Mrs. Kelly to offer a short prayer. The secretary was then asked to address the meeting which she did telling of the work and workers and of the great need. "The fields were white to the harvests" but the laborers few. The meeting was then opened for remarks and business transactions. The name of the society was changed from the "Spruce Creek Mission band" to the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society:, Spruce Creek auxiliary. It was thought best for the society to enter into the Presbyterian organization. Delegates were appointed to attend the Presbyterian meeting to be held in Lewistown. The chairman then announced a short intermission after which our pastor Rev. J. C. Kelly would address the meeting. I can recall but few faces, one here and there, one face shines out like a star, the lovely face of Nannie Bell, now Mrs. Goheen, missionary to India. Other lovely faces are here, and middle aged women and a few elderly ladies nearly all wear bonnets and shawls, full skirts and plain waists. Mrs. Kelly, our pastor's wife, moves quietly amongst them, a beautiful woman still young, perhaps in the early thirties. Mrs. Goheen, with kindly smile and friendly greeting and Miss Kate, ever the gracious lady. The tireless worker, through summer's heat and winters cold, she kept the light aglow; and Miss

Maggie, our honored treasurer, whose fine mind and financial ability, through all the years kept watch and guard over the finances of the society. Many other splendid women are here. Women whose lives are an inspiration. The meeting was then called to order, and our pastor in a few earnest well chosen words bids the society Godspeed followed by a short prayer and the benediction and the annual meeting has closed. The years speed swiftly by. The grim reaper, death, is ever amongst us, and many fall by the way. Their graves are on the hill, other graves are scattered far and wide, and one of the fairest flowers of all, sleeps neath India's soil. The workers fall, but the work goes on--other hands take up the falling torch. New life is infused into our society and the pulse beats strong and true as Miss Sue Campbell comes to us from the Pine Grove Mills society, a devoted Christian, with a thorough knowledge of missions and the mission work, and Miss Ellen Oliver the gracious hostess, full of hospitality and good works and in later years we have Mrs. R.M. Campbell, beloved president of the woman's society for the few years before her death. In the upper part of the congregation Mrs. Goheen gathers a class of little girls, she teaches them, tells them of the lands far away where the dear Saviors' name is unknown. The little class grows into a strong mission band and today we have the "I Will Try Band" a band of young women of whom we are justly proud; one of their number is our gifted organist today. In the lower part of the congregation Mrs. J.M. Wigton forms a class of girls and she too, teaches them of girls in other lands who have not the happy carefree life of girls in American. The little circle becomes a strong mission band and today we have "The Daughters of Spruce Creek," a splendid band of young women. One of their number is now our honored and beloved president of all the woman's societies in the Huntingdon Presbytery. These are present with us today daughters and granddaughters of some of the original members all engaged in active service in the work. Is it too much to ask at the close of fifty years, the jubilee of the Spruce Creek Missionary Society, have missions been a success? We think of the many workers who have gone to their rest and we pray that to use may grace be given to follow in their train.

**The Ladies Aid Society of the Graysville Presbyterian Church**  
*From The Tyrone Daily Herald, Wednesday, April 19, 1939*

**Missionary Society Worker is Honored  
Mrs. George McWilliams Active  
in S.C. Valley Church.**

Mrs. George McWilliams, Spruce Creek Valley, for the past twenty years the capable president of the Ladies Aid Society of the Graysville Presbyterian church, was signally honored at a surprise party in honor of her long and useful service at the Presbyterian manse, Pennsylvania Furnace, last Friday night when a large company of good friends gathered to express their esteem for their beloved president.

Mrs. McWilliams was called for by a neighbor on the pretext of making some calls on Friday evening, and was driven direct to the manse where the company greeted her. After a hearty surprise welcome, a meeting and program was held, presided over the vice president, Mrs. Robert Reed, with Miss Georgia Woomer as piano accompanist.

The program consisted of the singing of hymns, scripture reading and a prayer by Rev. Albertus Groendyk, pastor of the church.

Nellie Miller McWilliams, who had the minutes of the society for the past twenty years, read highlights of the great work accomplished by the society, as follows: annual Christmas bazaars, serving of church suppers during summer months, serving sale dinners, serving jell clubs and entertainments, purchases of silver knives and forks for church dining hall, purchase 122 hymnals, new carpets for both Baileyville and Graysville churches, purchase linen for Communion service, community picnic for church, rubber covering for floor and vestibule of church, concrete walks, purchase church bulletin board, funds sent flood areas, papered and painted the Baileyville church, purchase electric fixtures for manse, purchase new heating plant in Graysville church, old furnace room in church fitted over for class room and kitchen, kitchen equipment and dishes purchased, interior of manse redecorated, paid \$100 toward new church organ, and numerous other items for the benefit of the church and parsonage in the twenty years too numerous to catalogue here.

Credit is given directly to the honored president, Mrs. McWilliams, for having been the guiding light and forward mover in the organization for much of the accomplishment.

Going into the history of the Ladies Aid further, the names of the members who have passed on were

read, president of the society, Mrs. John Wigton and Mrs. Frances Archey, Mrs. Mary Harpster, Mrs. Clara Irvin, Miss Belle Goheen, Mrs. Geo. Irvin, Mrs. W. S. Ward, Mrs. Lysle Woomer, Mrs. Margaret Gardner, Mrs. George Deter, Mrs. S. R. Brown

Mrs. Groendyk, wife of the pastor acting as spokesman for the society, presented Mrs. McWilliams with a black leather purse and a gold locket and chain, while Mrs. Bertha Albright. . . . a lovely corsage.

Mrs. McWilliams thanked the members for the great honor they had bestowed on her, and also thanked them for their splendid and whole-hearted cooperation through the years, disclaiming all person credit for the society's record.

Mrs. Groendyk was also honored and surprised when presented with a cake and a floral tribute, this being a thoughtful gesture on the occasion of her birthday. Mrs. McWilliams and Mrs. Groendyk were then asked to lead the way to the dining room, where a fine covered dish supper was served.

The committees responsible for the success and pleasure of the evening: refreshment—Mrs. Robert Wigton, Mrs. Martha Johnston, Mrs. James Oliver, Mrs. Bertha Albright, Mrs. Elrea Ellenberger; entertainment—Myra Miller, Ida Woomer, Josephine Everhart and Maude Miller.

Those present to join in the occasion were: Helen Peterson, Madeline Henry, Grace Rudy, Kathleen Rudy, Viola Barto, Edna Ellenberger, Mae Hilliard, Edna B. Gilliland, Genevieve Behrer, Margaret Rearick, Mary Wilson, Margaret Quinn, Elizabeth Peters, Ruth Frank, Nannie Gilliland, Claire Irvin, Bertha Brown, Bess Keefer, Martha Johnston, Rev. A. Groendyk, Garland Hagar Groendyk, Dr. Lake, Joe Houck, Georgia Woomer, Madeline Foust, Margaret Reed, Cora Behrer, Clara McCracken, Estella Isenberg, Myrtle Powley, Anna Jane Musser, Theda Newlin, Mrs. James Oliver, Mary Gardner, Mrs. G. G. Umbower, Nell McWilliams, Mrs. Clouser, Mrs. Roy Peterson, Mrs. Olive Archey, Ida R. Woomer, Corine Copely, Mrs. Jean Lake, Maude E. Miller, Ella Mildred Barto, Janet Barto, Josephine Everhart, Myra Miller, Anna Houck, Mrs. H. C. Wilson, Mrs. Ben Everhart, Mrs. A. G. Albright, Helen Wigton and the guests of honor, Mrs. George McWilliams and Mrs. A. Groendyk.

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(1937) **Mrs. George McWilliams** entertained the members of the Ladies Aid Society of the Graysville Church at her home on Saturday afternoon, November 13. The president was in the chair to conduct the devotions and the business meeting. Mrs. McWilliams, served appetizing refreshments at the close of the afternoon.

(1944) **The Men's Bible Class of the Baileyville Presbyterian Sunday School** enjoyed their regular winter class meeting last Thursday evening at the S.A. Homan farm home. The Rev. G.R. Groeninger was guest speaker. His subject, "A Considerate People," was most interesting. Merchant George Bohn of Lemont, was a welcome guest and gave his views on county Sunday School classes. George is treasurer of the County Sunday School Association. The men's quartette, E. C. Martz, Bill Henry, J.F. Musser and Wilbur Sunday rendered several fine selections during the meeting. In the social hour, The Great Men contest, Rev. L. J. Beebe was the prize winner. The wife-calling Contest first prize went to Rev. Groeninger and second prize to Ed Frank. At the close of the meeting choice refreshments were served by Mrs. Homan, assisted by Miss Mary Wheeland.

(1948) **The Ordination of The Reverend Alfred E. Behrer** conducted by The Presbytery of Huntingdon was held September 10, 1948 at The Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church with The Reverend John Martin, Moderator of the Presbytery of Huntingdon presiding. The Order of the Service included:

Organ Prelude  
The Invocation and Lord's Prayer  
Hymn - "Blessing and Honor"  
The Scripture Reading - Luke 4:14-30 by The Rev. Charles Best pastor of the USCPC  
The Sermon - "Christ, The Builder" by The Rev. Charles T. Fritsch, Assistant Professor of Old Testament at the Princeton Theological Seminary  
The Constitutional Questions by The Moderator  
The Ordination Prayer by The Rev. Robert L. Hutchinson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Tyrone, PA.  
Hymn - "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"  
The Charge to the Evangelist by The Rev. S. Earl Dubbel, Assistant Professor of English at Juniata College, Huntingdon, PA.  
Hymn - "Be Thou My Vision"

The Benediction by The Rev. Alfred E. Behrer  
Organ Postlude

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(1948) **Rev. Alfred E. Behrer**, Native of Spruce Creek Valley was ordained Friday, Sept. 10th. An impressive service held last night as the Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church at Graysville ordained its third son into the ministry.

The Rev. John Martin of Lewistown, moderator of Huntingdon Presbytery, presided at the service, and he was ably assisted by other prominent ministers of the congregation in ordaining the Rev. Alfred E. Behrer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben E. Behrer of Spruce Creek Valley near Seven Stars.

The service opened with an organ prelude, followed by the invocation and Lord's Prayer by the moderator. A hymn, "Blessing and Honor" was sung and the Scripture lesson taken from Luke 4:14-30 was read by the Rev. Charles Best, pastor of the Church.

The sermon, "Christ, The Builder," was delivered by the Rev. Charles T. Fritsch, assistant professor of Old Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary. It was a challenging message, presented in a most impressive manner.

The Constitutional Questions by Dr. Martin and the ordination prayer by the Rev. Robert L. Hutchison of the First Presbyterian Church, Tyrone, followed the ordination sermon.

The congregation joined next in singing "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart."

The charge to the evangelist was given by the Rev. Earl S. Dubbel, assistant professor of English at Juniata College, and the concluding hymn was "Be Thou My Vision."

The newly ordained minister, the Rev. Alfred E. Behrer, pronounced the benediction, and an organ postlude brought to a close a history-making ceremony.

Years ago, the Rev. Milliken Goheen, was ordained into the ministry at this landmark church in Spruce Creek Valley. He was the oldest son of the Goheen family at Rock Springs, Centre County, and studied for the ministry and went as a missionary to India. He has long since passed to his reward, about 1908. The second son of this old church to enter the ministry was the Rev. John C. McCracken, who occupied several charges in Huntingdon Presbytery. A heart attack last summer ended the useful and busy career of this able minister.

With the calling to the ministry and the ordination last night of the third son of the church, Mr. Behrer, the congregation as well as the Presbytery rejoices.

The new minister is a native of Spruce Creek

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Valley. He was graduated from Warriors Mark High School in 1940. He is also a graduate of Juniata College, 1945, and of Princeton Theological Seminary in June, 1948. He was active in college in the student volunteer and ministerium group movements. During the past summer as a member of the Princeton Seminary Choir, he made a transcontinental tour of the northern states to the coast and returned by way of Canada. He served also as an interim pastor of four small churches in the Minot, North Dakota area. While at Juniata he was president of the Ministerium in his Senior year.

This Fall Mr. Behrer will enter Dubuque, Iowa University to take further training to become a rural pastor. In addition to his work at the university this Fall he has been selected to preach at the Garden Plain Presbyterian Church near Fulton, Illinois. He will spend three days at the Seminary and four days at his pastoral duties.

Following the ordination last night the Ladies Aid Society of his home church served refreshments to the members of Presbytery and the congregation present. At a late hour the folks adjourned to their homes with kind wishes for Mr. Behrer's success in his life work.

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### **(1948) Spruce Creek Church has Four Enter Ministry.**

The Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church of Graysville has had four instead of three native sons from the valley ordained into the ministry, *The Daily News* learned today.

The Rev. Alfred E. Behrer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben E. Behrer of Spruce Creek Valley, was ordained on the night of Sept. 10th as the fourth young man this historic church has seen become a minister during its existence.

The first native son was the Rev. Milliken Goheen, oldest son of the Goheen family at Rock

Springs, Centre County. He went as a missionary to India, and passed away about 1908. The second from the valley, and mention of whom was overlooked, is the Rev. John C. Oliver, native of Graysville area, and a brother of Andrew Oliver. He filled various appointments, his last being at Latrobe. He retired and lived at Latrobe until his death. The third to be ordained was the Rev. John C. McCracken, who filled various churches of the Presbytery and succumbed last summer of a heart attack. Rev. Behrer was the fourth.

The valley is proud of its young men who entered the ministry.

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(1952) Mrs. D. S. Peterson entertained the **Ladies Sunday School Class of the Graysville Presbyterian Church** on Friday of last week. Those present were: Mrs. Chester Behrer, Mrs. Charles Best, Mrs. Elrea Ellenberger, Mrs. Roy Bresler, Mrs. George Lake, Jr., Mrs. Jean Lake, Mrs. James Oliver, Mrs. Rodger Powell, Mrs. Anna Houck, Mrs. D.S. Peterson, Mrs. Roy Peterson, Mrs. Earl Homan, Mrs. Elwood Homan, Mrs. Clark Harpster, Mrs. Alex Johnston, Mrs. Estella Woomer, Misses Maude and Gertie Miller, Miriam Judy, Mrs. Edward Frank, Misses Myra Miller, Bernice Fleming and D.S. Peterson

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(1957) **The Daughters of the Spruce Creek Missionary Society** met in the Graysville Church on Friday evening, November 12, 1937. This November meeting is the annual Thankoffering meeting of the society. Rev. Albert Groendyke was the guest speaker. At the close of the meeting delicious refreshments were served by the committee in charge.

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### Rural Life Sunday Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church

*Reprint of letter dated May 1, 1975*

Dear 4-H Members and Parents,

On Sunday morning, May 11, 1975 at 11 a.m. we are observing Rural Life Sunday in the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church at which time the Spruce Creek Valley 4-H Club will present the morning worship service.

We encourage all members and their families to come who can. If for some reason you are unable to participate please call John Behrer 632-6612.

One practice is set for Friday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m. at the church. It is important you be at this practice as everyone there will have a part in the service Sunday morning.

Nancy Behrer, Chm. Rural Life Com.	
Rena Houck	Jim Wagner
Chris Oliver	Vaughn Houck

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*Program for May 11, 1975 -- Mother's Day and Rural Life Sunday - Spruce Creek Valley 4-H members conducted the service this morning.*

Organ Prelude - "Larghetto" - Giordani

Ruth Ann Behrer, Organist

Invocation and Lord's Prayer - Vaughn Houck

Hymn - "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Confession - Rena Houck

Words of Pardon

Organ Interlude

Responsive Reading - Psalm 75 - Jeff Henderson

The Gloria Patri

Old Testament Lesson - I Samuel 1:9-28 - Chris Oliver

New Testament Lesson - John 10:22-30 - Brian Houck

Organ Interlude: Kum Ba Yah - 4-H Members

Prayers for the Day - Vida Baney

Hymn - "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee"

Mother's Day Poem - "Somebody's Mother -  
Vaughn Houck

Offertory - When Jesus Was a Little Boy"-  
Robin Oliver  
Mark Kling

Doxology and Dedication of Offering - Linda Keller

Good Mothers of Great Men - Steve Bresler

"Rocka My Soul" - 4-H Members

He Wants Mother - Nancy Behrer

"Go Tell It on the Mountain" - 4-H Members

Bible Mothers - Scott Keller

Hymn - "This is My Father's World"

Ascription (All Together)

Choral Amen

Postlude - "March" - Grieg

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*A Tribute (Given Rural Life Sunday, May 1, 1975)*

We, the 4-H members, want to honor Mr. and Mrs. John Behrer. Mr. and Mrs. Behrer not only organized and started our Spruce Creek Valley 4-H Club in 1964 but for 11 years, they have continued to work with the youth in our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Behrer spent many, many hours preparing materials, setting up meetings and special events, seeing and talking with members about projects, and, of course they spent many more hour getting ready for Fair Week in August and transporting 4-H members and projects.

Mr. and Mrs. Behrer share their Christian faith with their 4-H members. They show their love, kindness, patience, and encouragement to all of us. We thank God for Mr. and Mrs. Behrer and the talents that He has given them. And we pray that through Jesus Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit they continue in their faith to show His love. (*Flowers given to say "Thank You."*)

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*Letter responding to above Tribute dated May 12, 1975*

Dear Spruce Creek Valley 4-H Members,

When I was young there was not a 4-H Club in our area. So I was never a member of a 4-H. However, Mrs. Behrer belonged to a 4-H Club several years ago. Because of a happy memories as a 4-H'er, when our children became old enough for 4-H she asked the Extension Office about starting a club in this area. A leader was needed so we volunteered. You might say I grew up with the club. At our last meeting one of our members gave a history of our club. Until that time we hadn't realized the extent of the accomplishments of you 4-Hers. These accomplishments are yours, the results of many hours of hard work. Our hearts swell with pride in you as we see you prepare an animal for show or the exhibit you have prepared.

We especially liked the worship service you conducted so well on Mother's Day. We were extremely proud of you and we feel that our work as your leaders has been repaid many fold. We would not forget the help we receive from those who lead in special projects. Without their help we would not

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have sewing, cooking or recreational projects. Also many thanks to the interested parents who have encouraged their children to join our club and complete their projects. I speak for Mrs. Behrer as well as myself when I say many thanks for the recognition you have given us.

Sincerely,  
John Behrer

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**Members of the Spruce Creek Valley 4-H Club on Sunday, May 8, 1977, observed both Mother's Day and Rural Life Sunday by conducting**

the worship service at the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church at Pennsylvania Furnace. Through this annual program, the group relates spiritual values to those taught in 4-H and at home. At the close of the service, the club members distributed flowers to the ladies of the church. Those participating (*shown in photo below*) were: front row --Margie Thomas, Dotty Wagner, Nadine Houck, Jimmy Wagner, Lorne Houck. Second row: Rena Houck, Mark Kling, Robin Oliver, Brian Houck. Third row: Nancy Behrer, Vaughn Houck and Vida Baney. In the background are the minister, the Rev. Donald McIlvride and organizational leaders, John and Bernice Behrer



**Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church**

*Pennsylvania Furnace, Pennsylvania 16865*

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September 14, 1980

Honorable James E. Carter  
President of the United States  
White House  
Washington D. C. 20013

Dear President Carter:

The session of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church would like to extend to you and your family an invitation to worship with us when you are in Spruce Creek Valley on weekends. Our church is located five miles northeast of Harpster's cabin.

Enclosed you will find a copy of our bulletin today for your perusal.

Sincerely,



John C. Behrer  
Clerk of Session

Enclosure



# CENTRE DAILY TIMES

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## Carter Attends Service

By TERRY A. DALTON  
Times Staff Writer

For doing her usual fine job playing the organ at the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church yesterday, Carol Oliver got a kiss on the cheek. Nothing unusual there, except the kiss came from Jimmy Carter.

The president administered the kiss after attending church services in Graysville, the tiny Huntingdon County community along Rt. 45 about nine miles southwest of Pine Grove Mills. He, his wife Rosalynn and daughter Amy (neither of whom accompanied the president to church) were spending their fifth weekend since May fishing in Spruce Creek while staying at the Wayne Harpster farm near Seven Stars.

Jimmy Carter fishing in Spruce Creek has become commonplace, but Jimmy Carter attending church in the neighborhood on Sunday morning was something new.

"There was no forewarning," The Rev. Donald McIlvride, pastor, told The Times yesterday afternoon, although he noted that the church's session had invited the president to attend worship services in a letter several weeks ago.

"I saw him just as I was about to enter (the sanctuary) with the choir, Rev. McIlvride said. 'I told the choir that we'd be preaching and singing in front of the president and they all just about fell through the floor. But we just followed through and did our thing.'"

The president, dressed in a dark blue suit, light blue shirt and "conservative tie," according to Rev. McIlvride, entered the 123-year-old gray sandstone church "with a small entourage" including his personal physician, a White House photographer, a staff member and two Secret Service agents. Also accompanying the president to a front pew were Mr. and Mrs. Harpster, who sat beside him.

Rev. McIlvride, a former campus minister at Penn State (1956-63), who later administered the Centre County Youth Service Bureau's attention home in State College, was pleased that his sermon for the day, "Where Is There Peace?" dealt with the role of the peacemaker, with emphasis on human rights as a peacemaking force.

"It fit a little with the president's own thinking," he said.



## Surprise Guest

President Carter, at left, chats with some of the congregation at the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church after surprising the neighbors by popping in for services yesterday. Below, he shakes hands with Donald McIlvride, minister of the church. Mr. Carter was in Huntingdon County for another fishing weekend at Spruce Creek, which apparently has become one of his favorite fishing holes. (Photo by Dave Mingle)

During the service, one of the church greeters, retired farmer-teacher John Gilliland of Warriors Mark, stood and introduced the president and the Harpsters to the congregation of 80 or 90.

"The president stood up but didn't say anything," pastor McIlvride said. "We didn't ask him to say anything."

The president, who is a Baptist, took no active part in the hour-long communion service marking World Communion Sunday, but he took communion and prayed with the rest of the congregation, many of whom are farmers and few of whom are registered Democrats, according to the minister.

After the service, Mr. Carter walked toward the front door of the church, stopping to sign the guest book and chat with several delighted parishioners.

"He thanked me for the message, saying it was very pertinent," Rev. McIlvride recalled, "and we chatted for a few more moments. But what really impressed me was that he didn't just leave. He moved freely from one family to another and must have spent at least 15 minutes in casual conversation. He didn't just run around and shake hands real quick-like, either."

He didn't give out many kisses, either, but one went to Carol Oliver, who's been playing the church organ at Upper Spruce Creek since she graduated from high school 20

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years ago.

"I told him I was a little nervous because he was there, but that I was very pleased to be playing for the service he attended," she said, "and then he leaned over and kissed me on the cheek and said 'you played very well.' It was really nice."

An hour earlier, Mrs. Oliver was about to climb the stairs to the church sanctuary when she glanced out a doorway and spotted a very familiar face. "I said, 'Oh, my God — it's the president!'" she recalled with a laugh.

Mrs. Oliver said she is a registered Republican who voted for Gerald Ford in 1976. "But I had decided this year that there was no way I could vote for anyone other

than Jimmy Carter — and now I can say he's still my man."

Her husband Bob, a Graysville dairy farmer, also met the president outside the church. "I don't want to brag," Mr. Oliver said, "but Wayne Harpster told me the president really admired our place and might come fish in our meadow when he comes up again."

The whole experience, while brief, was "very exciting," Mr. Oliver said. "He seemed like he was a very nice man."

And who will farmer Oliver be voting for next month?

"I'm a registered Republican and I voted for Ford in '76," he said, "but now he (meaning the president) has me thinking about it."

## Guests

Date	Name	Address
10-5-80	Jimmy Carter	Washington

UPPER SPRUCE CREEK  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

10/5/80  
VISITOR

OUR CHURCH IS HONORED TO HAVE  
WITH US THIS MORNING THE  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES  
MR JIMMY CARTER

(JOHN GILLILAND - GREETER  
AND INTRODUCER OF THE PRESIDENT)

### OBSERVED AT WORSHIP SERVICE THAT MORNING (October, 1980) as remembered by Ken Rudy

Miriam Judy was already seated in the pew when Margaret Goheen arrived a bit late. The gentleman seated at the end of the pew stood up to let Margaret in to sit next to Miriam. Margaret then handed the man a hymnal as we started to sing the first hymn. He promptly closed the book and placed it on the seat. Margaret was a bit puzzled. Then when we were to read the scriptures, she handed him the pew Bible. Again he promptly closed the Bible and placed it on the seat. Margaret was getting very annoyed as

she had noticed this man seemed very serious, but not interested in the worship service. She promptly turned to Miriam and in a rather loud voice asked, "Who's the person who won't participate?"

Miriam, trying to quiet Margaret, said, "Hush, the president is here." Margaret, very disgusted by now, responded with, "The President of WHAT?" Miriam replied, "The President of the United States!" Margaret, looking very surprised, a bit embarrassed and held her hand over her mouth said, "Oh, My!!" Of course, the man who wouldn't participate was a Secret Service Agent and very much on duty.

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REMEMBERING THE DAY THE PRESIDENT VISITED OUR CHURCH by Carol Rudy Sweeney as told to her mother, Eleanor

I was a bit excited and very nervous as I got ready to go to Church with my family. I was going to be playing the piano, for the first time, during the Worship Service this morning. Even my Grandma Pritham was going to attend.

Because my Dad had gone to State College to pick up Grandma, we were running a little late that morning. As we drove into the Church parking lot, we noticed several people walking around a bit of excitement. My Dad calmly announced "President Carter is here." Well! We were all very excited. There he was standing next to Wayne and Marge Harpster. Dad told us later that he thought the President might be at Church, but hadn't said anything.

We all slowly walked toward Marge and Wayne and greeted them. They in turn introduced us to President Carter. My Grandma was so nervous, and introduced herself as "Mom's sister."

After a few moments, we all walked into the church. Carol Oliver, my piano teacher, and the Church Choir Director at that time, and the choir

were just coming up the stairs from the Sunday School room. When we told them who was outside and about to come in, they were very excited. Mrs. Oliver tried to assure me everything would be fine, and I would do just great. I wasn't so sure.

Shortly after we were all seated, the Harpster's and President Carter were seated close to the front of the sanctuary on the right side. Many Secret Service people were all around. The whole congregation was "buzzing" for a few moments. Even Rev. Don McIlvride was nervous. As he started to talk, his throat became dry and he had to ask for someone to get him a glass of water from the kitchen. This sent the Secret Service people into action.

As the service progressed, it was soon time for me to go to the piano. I remember feeling all eyes are on me, as the Secret Service people watched every move I made. I remember thinking, "I can't believe I'm doing this." I was so nervous! Thank heavens I knew the music fairly well. It wasn't until I was about half way through before I realized I was playing the piano.

This was an experience I will always remember and will share with my children as they grow.



President Carter greets Carol Oliver, Church Choir Director

## The Congregation — Register of Deaths

*Church records, especially those of deaths, marriages and baptisms, are incomplete sometimes for an expanse of many years. We have included information gathered from other sources (such as newspaper accounts and volunteered information), but would appreciate any additional information known by members or friends. Please record your additions or any corrections you may have in the church library copy of this book.*

Catharine Crain	October 29, 1862
Mary Whorton	January 4, 1863
Daniel Felterhoff	February 10, 1863
Margaret Crain	November 20, 1863
Nicholas Graffius	April 10, 1864
Christopher Wigton	September 27, 1864
<i>(Ruling Elder for 17 years)</i>	
Rachel Bailey	February 27, 1865
James Rankin	1864
<i>(Died a prisoner in Richmond, VA)</i>	
Anne Bryson	March 28, 1863
John Stalker	August 23, 1865
Jonathan M'Williams	September 2, 1870
Mrs. Powley	January 3, 1892
Robert Gates	June 3, 1893
<i>(Killed near Tyrone in circus train wreck)</i>	
Harrie Archie	August 20, 1893
William B. McWilliams	September 27, 1893
Lettie Wilson	November 25, 1893
<i>(Typhoid fever)</i>	
A. G. Ewing	March 23, 1894
Albert Wilson	August 19, 1895
Sabine Shall	November 24, 1895
Hettie A. Campbell	March 7, 1895
Wilson Gardner	May 16, 1896
Arthur Goheen	May 28, 1896
Mrs. William Powley	June 11, 1896
Fletcher Payne	August, 1898
Emory Sager	August 20, 1898
Mrs. John H. Miller	November 15, 1898
Amos E. Clemson	February 1899
George W. Lyon	August, 1899
Mrs. G. W. Reynolds	April 7, 1901
Simon Ward	November 8, 1902
Agnes M. Oliver	May 1, 1903
George Muntoff	May 4, 1903
William Gates	December 16, 1903
Ann Clemson	January 4, 1904
John Leach, Sr.	February 4, 1904
G. W. Reynolds	January 31, 1904
W. D. Brown	July 17, 1905
Mrs. E. J. McWilliams	October 11, 1905
Mrs. J. C. Kelly	1906
Ellis Lytle	November 15, 1906

Mrs. J. B. Goheen	May 26, 1906
T. Frank	November 29, 1906
Rev. J. M. Goheen	February 11, 1907
J. J. Goheen	May 27, 1907
Jennie Goheen	September 17, 1907
M. F. Gardner	January 28, 1908
Harry B. Goheen	April 2, 1908
Arthur L. Campbell	January 27, 1909
<i>(At the parsonage)</i>	
John Everhart	June 9, 1909
Mrs. S. Dunlop	April 9, 1912
S. Irvin	July 16, 1912
James Emigh	September 26, 1912
Annie McWilliams	October 27, 1912
Jane Archey	(no date given)
Catherine Archey	January 4, 1913
Henry McCracken	April 6, 1913
Miss C. W. Stewart	November 24, 1913
Miss B. Kocher	September 3, 1914
S. B. Dunlop	May 7, 1916
Jacob Emeigh	October 5, 1916
R. H. Stewart	November 23, 1916
Mrs. R. H. Stewart	April 20, 1917
Mary Archey	April 19, 1917
Sara Oliver	February 2, 1918
Amanada Irvin	April 28, 1918
Almira Campbell	May 25, 1918
Elisa McCracken	September 7, 1918
Mary Beckett	May 22, 1919
Sadie Glenn	June 6, 1919
Johnson Archey	July, 1919
Miss M. Stewart	December 2, 1919
George Archey	January 2, 1920
Regina Rhoades Woomer	January 10, 1920
Isabel Woomer (7 mos.)	February 22, 1920
Issac Lewis Woomer	December 12, 1920
Frances Archey	December, 1923
A. S. Peterson	December 27, 1924
William Johnston	1925
Mabel Harpster	1925
John T. Reed	1925
Harold Shank Woomer	June 1, 1926
John Bailey Goheen	1932
Theodore Brown	1935
Mary Elizabeth Deter	1935
Lysle Shank Woomer	September 18, 1935
Warren S. Ward	1936
Anna C. Houser	1937
Edward D. Isenberg	1938
Clark Harpster, Jr.	December 19, 1938
Alice M. Irvin	February 17, 1941
Ida Mae Frank	February 13, 1941
Joseph H. Gilliland	March 1, 1942
Mary E. McWilliams	May 3, 1943

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George Porter Irvin	January 5, 1944	Mary Ruth Frank	December 23, 1961
J. Warren Ingram	March 25, 1944	Joseph Fleming	1962
Sophia Elizabeth Reed	1945	Jay Allen Woomer (age 3)	June 6, 1962
Lavina Jane Behrer	February 4, 1946	Robert W. Reed	June 26, 1962
Lettie Gardner Goheen	April 21, 1946	Bertha Irvin Brown	August 22, 1962
Clara J. McCracken	April 7, 1947	Charles Edward. Frank	October 20, 1962
Edna Moffitt Gilliland	May 22, 1947	Edna Shank Peterson	November 21, 1962
Ella Mabel Harman	August 3, 1947	John H. Strayer	November 26, 1962
Sarah (Johnston) Griffin	September 7, 1947	Ella Nearhoof Oliver	January 7, 1963
Mary Ada Copley	1947	Mabel Behrer (Mrs. Reuben)	February 21, 1963
James E. Houck	1948	Ward K. Gramley	February 22, 1963
Hunter McWilliams Musser	1949	Newton B. Miller	April 30, 1963
Katharine J Gensimore	September 12, 1950	Ebenezer Augustus Carper	May 26, 1963
George Thomas McWilliams	October 31, 1950	William Wilson Gardner	January 15, 1964
Dr. George C. Lake, Sr.	1950	Mary Stiver Carper	March 24, 1964
Albert Royer Wilson	December 23, 1950	Isabel M. Musser	October 1, 1964
Elmer Houck	April 7, 1951	Hazel W. Gilliland	November 1, 1965
Arthur L. Miller	September 17, 1952	Maude Elizabeth Miller	November 20, 1965
Roy E. Peterson, Sr.	September 17, 1952	Robert Hamill Goheen	1965
Cyrus McWilliams Powley	1953	Bessie Bell Homer	February 19, 1966
Estella M. Womer	January 1, 1954	Alex Everhart Johnston	January 30, 1966
Laura Myrtle Powley	February 13, 1954	Orpha May Weaver	April 10, 1966
Paul W. Henry	June 19, 1954	Ray G. Wilson	June 27, 1966
Lester D. Goheen	January 7, 1955	Nora L. Goheen	August 18, 1966
John Edgar Powley	April 27, 1955	Myra A. Miller	August 31, 1966
J. Mac Goheen	August 21, 1955	Mary Ellen Peterson	October 11, 1966
William Ellsworth Wert	November 8, 1955	Margaret F. Gorman	April 19, 1967
Martha Seibert Goheen	December 12, 1955	Thomas Edward Behrer	June 5, 1967
Margaret Reynolds	December 21, 1955	Blair C. Burkett	1968
Gertrude Miller	April 10, 1956	Mrs. Daniel F. McMahon	May 15, 1968
John E. Carnes	September 30, 1956	James Sterrett Oliver	December 20, 1968
Ralph Judy	February 26, 1957	Helen Lytle Peterson	December 30, 1968
Linda E. Ritchey	March 15, 1957	Ellen Nora McWilliams	February 17, 1969
Nannie Belle Goheen	May 1, 1957	Earl LeRoy Carper	January 25, 1970
Chalmer Davis	June 17, 1957	Lee Wesley Ellenberger	March 23, 1971
Margaret Rearick	August 25, 1957	James Poust	June 17, 1971
Mary Olive Archey	September 12, 1957	Anna Catherine Judy	January 24, 1972
Benjamin H. Brennan	October 14, 1957	Anna Elizabeth Ward	March 30, 1972
Edward S. Harpster	November 8, 1957	Willis Weaver	December 7, 1973
Jean Boyd Lake	March 8, 1958	Ralph Leslie Musser	February 17, 1974
Charles Bruce Johnston	April 7, 1958	Luella Brennan	January 15, 1974
Warren Merle Behrer	May 25, 1958	Helen Wigton (Mrs. Robert)	December 10, 1974
Carrie Wert	December 31, 1958	Matilda Emily Poust (Mrs. Herle)	May 19, 1974
Daniel Francis McMahon	August 27, 1959	Robert J. Wigton	June 4, 1975
Cora Belle Behrer	October 31, 1959	Voldemar Anatol Weyl	July 30, 1975
Willis R. Heichel	January 20, 1960	Reuben E. Behrer	August 23, 1975
Alan Michael Moser	April 18, 1960	Anna Mary Lake	December 29, 1975
Theodore R. Horner	April 26, 1960	Ora Mae Zimmers	March 6, 1976
Lulu R. Irvin	May 24, 1960	Bernice M. Judy	September 19, 1976
Katherine Kreamer Rupp	November 22, 1960	Anna W. Wilson	January 19, 1977
Bertha Ellenberger Frank	March 26, 1961	Agnes (Dixon) Behrer (Mrs. C.W.)	March 2, 1977
Jessie Blanch Reed Everhart	June 4, 1961	Chester W. Behrer	March 2, 1977
Richard Herle Poust	July 21, 1961	Edmund K. Woomer	April 23, 1977
Theodore R. Judy	November 20, 1961	John W. Newlin	September 12, 1977

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James H. Lake	July 14, 1978	Elizabeth Goheen Wyse	May 8, 1990
Anna Johnston Houck	December 7, 1978	Grace S. Harper	June 11, 1990
Jennifer Marie Kocher	September 1, 1981	Herbert Zimmers	March 13, 1991
Roberta (Taylor) Gunsallus	October 16, 1981	Emma Ghaner Zimmers	March 8, 1992
Earl Alfred Harper	April 4, 1982	Mary Elizabeth Heichel	May 6, 1992
John C. B. Lake	April 12, 1982	Harriet M. Harpster	November 27, 1992
Jacob Basil Frank, Sr.	March 2, 1983	John L. Gilliland	April 22, 1993
Edwin Vaux Kocher	October 9, 1983	Margaret S. Goheen	October 9, 1993
Margaret (Parsons) Reed	February 3, 1984	Ruth M. (Kocher) Billetts	October 29, 1993
Katherine Bickle Harpster	February 25, 1984	Merle Rossman	January 25, 1994
Mary Eleanor Gardner	May 31, 1984	Willis Schilling	March 5, 1994
Earl Harpster	December 29, 1984	Nellie McWilliams	August 22, 1994
Dr. Oliver R. Lake	January 10, 1986	Clark Harpster	November 7, 1995
Lorne Grant Houck	August 20, 1986	Bertha M. Schilling	November 28, 1995
Lester Harry Harpster	March 11, 1987	Robert S. Keller	May 20, 1996
George C. Lake	May 4, 1987	Glenn Houck	August 6, 1996
Harold Aden Wertz	July 5, 1987	Kathleen Josephine Allison	July 26, 1997
Earl W. Homer	December 27, 1987	Beulah Strayer Behrer	January 4, 1998
Paul E. McWilliams	March 10, 1988	Charles M. Behrer, Sr.	January 16, 1998
Wayne B. Henderson	December 30, 1989	John Pekruhn	February 16, 1998
Madeline Harpster Poust	January 7, 1990		
Theodore F. Newlin	January 17, 1990		
John Calvin Rudy	January 17, 1990		

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Oct. 26, 1863	Robert Archey	and	Jane McFarland
Jan. 7, 1864	T. James Mays	and	Mary Tate
Jan. 12, 1864	Hezekiah Ewing	and	Margaret Archey
March 3, 1864	John Jordan	and	Eliza Griffith
Nov. 27, 1864	Charles Wilson	and	Jane E. Crain
April 4, 1865	Wilson Gardner	and	Sarah Keichline
May 20, 1865	Daniel Meryser	and	Elizabeth Denny
Feb. 9, 1871	Albert J. Mattern	and	Annie M. Gardner
Feb. 4, 1873	Stephen S. Reynolds	and	Sue H. Geist
Dec. 31, 1873	Frank B. Gardner	and	Ella M. Goheen
Jan. 22, 1874	James C. Gilliland	and	Angie P. Gardner
Feb. 26, 1874	B.E. McWilliams	and	Annie S. Goheen
Jan. 3, 1874	Essington Bruiss	and	Mary Elizabeth Taylor
July 22, 1874	Wm. S. Curry	and	Rebecca Ross
March 25, 1875	Charles Walker	and	Ellie Harkster
Sept. 30, 1875	Frank Kinch	and	Ella F. Curry
June 29, 1875	Rev. J. Milliken Goheen	and	Nannie C. Bell
Oct. 13, 1875	Robert T. Caldwell	and	Lillie C. Thompson
March 8, 1876	H.C. Powley	and	Anne Leach
February 4, 1877	John X. Miller	and	Elizabeth Nanigan
Jan. 8, 1876	Robert W. McMenany	and	Chasty Frank
August 9, 1877	R.M. Test	and	Jennie E. Lloyd
May 23, 1878	Rev. J. C. Oliver	and	Jennie E. Kyle
May 28, 1878	George Essunick	and	Bella M. McMenany
May 29, 1878	Lemuel R. Luck	and	Ellen Ewing
Aug. 8, 1878	Daniel B. Louder	and	Adie Ross
Sept. 18, 1878	Henry C. Powley	and	Maggie B. Black
Sept. 18, 1878	Francis W. Swabb	and	Emma L. Black
Dec. 24, 1878	John E. Boob	and	Laura E. March
Feb. 20, 1879	D. M. Clemson	and	Alice L. Gardner
March 19, 1879	George C. Deter	and	Elizabeth Archer
Dec. 3, 1879	Scott Kinch	and	Mary E. Travis
Dec. 30, 1879	J. L. Smith	and	Martha C. Bathurst
March 15, 1880	Joshua R. Pheasant	and	Rebecca N. Bennett
March 18, 1880	Cyrus B. McWilliams	and	S. Maggie LaPorte
Sept. 29, 1880	George M. Reynolds, Jr.	and	Annie Miller
Jan. 20, 1881	Jacob Hendershot	and	Prudence A. Cornelius
March 24, 1881	Charles G. McAbee	and	Annie E. Harper
Jan. 18, 1882	James A. McWilliams	and	Sarah M. Reynolds
Sept. 28, 1882	Henry Bonsall	and	Millie Love
April 12, 1883	Calvin W. Murtoph	and	Mollie Farber
May 3, 1883	James W. Baird	and	Caroline Holder
June 14, 1883	L. E. Binchfield	and	Maggie A. Leach
June 19, 1883	R. W. Travis	and	Mary A. Singleton
Jan. 9, 1884	W. C. Olds	and	Mary P. Brown
Jan. 21, 1884	Martin Welch	and	Lola M. Calderwood
March 17, 1884	Joseph G. Carter	and	(Mrs) Martha C. Smith
Oct. 23, 1884	William L. Porter	and	Elizabeth M. Brown
Nov. 30, 1884	Samuel Miller	and	Elizabeth Rhoades
March 4, 1885	C. K. Bathurst	and	Harriet A. Fouts
June 4, 1885	William N. Carter	and	Mary T. Isenberg
July 21, 1885	J. Elliott March	and	Maggie Mosel
Aug. 13, 1885	Thomas Heberling	and	Anie R. Mingle
Sept. 23, 1885	Robert H. Stewart	and	Mary C. Lower



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Sept 24, 1885	Samuel Heberling	and	Mary E. Robison
April 28, 1886	J. McW. Goheen	and	Libbie G. Gardner
Sept. 22, 1886	Edward Musser	and	Harriet E. Gardner
Feb. 3, 1887	John Z. Campbell	and	Annie J. McCracken
Feb. 16, 1887	John C. Goheen	and	Ida M. McWilliams
Feb. 17, 1887	Nathan L. Dale	and	Emma Clemson
Aug. 7, 1887	Lemon P. Reeder	and	Mary E. Porst
Feb. 2, 1888	Alfred W. Woomer	and	Mary C. Shiatz
Aug. 8, 1888	Albert Inlow	and	Sallie F.M. Struble
Sept. 18, 1888	Joseph C. Whitail	and	Lola M. Mosel
Sept. 27, 1888	Martin V. Miller	and	Sarah Harpster
Feb 26, 1889	Walter M. Smith	and	Phoebe A. Taylor
March 26, 1889	Scott Davis	and	Mary Patterson
April 11, 1889	Calvin P. Irvin	and	Charlotte L. Geist
June 4, 1889	Dr. L. M. House	and	Anna C. Musser
Oct. 22, 1889	W. G. Gardner	and	Ella McWilliams
Feb. 6, 1890	John Gripp	and	Esther M. Irving
June 12, 1890	Joseph C. Mosel	and	Mabel E. Geist
Feb. 3, 1892	R. G. Goheen	and	Belle McWilliams
June 23, 1892	J. L. Moon	and	Sue A. Wilson
Nov. 23, 1892	Hany Gates	and	Margaret Everhart
Dec. 26, 1892	James H. Flick	and	Annie S. Hillard
Sept. 26, 1893	I. M. Musser	and	Myra Geist
Feb. 1, 1894	A. Walker	and	Mary Laird
May 17, 1894	Joseph Wilson	and	Clara M. Irvin
Oct. 4, 1894	H. W. Zwicy	and	Mila Gates
Nov. 28, 1894	J. D. Gensimore	and	Catherine Johnston
March 3, 1895	M. A. Dreibelbis	and	Mattie M. Ewing
Feb. 13, 1895	George P. Irvin	and	Jennie Kinch
April 18, 1895	Frank Weiland	and	Carrie M. Miller
May 26, 1896	C. M. Bowersox	and	Lennie B. Ewing
Dec. 7, 1897	J. Warren Ingram	and	Elizabeth S. Wilson
Dec. 23, 1897	Harry J. Kocher	and	Eliza May Dunlap
Nov. 5, 1902	John B. Griffin	and	Janette W. Riley
Dec. 23, 1902	William Campbell, M.D.	and	Laura Mae Lyon
June 2, 1903	Logan K. Johnston	and	Catherine B. Archey
Aug. 21, 1903	John Hillard	and	Annie Borst
Sept. 10, 1903	Thomas Lloyd Frank	and	Clara May Henry
March 30, 1095	G. C. Meyer	and	A. Maude Irvin
Dec. 26, 1905	A. J. Laird	and	Mary M. Kogan
Dec. 27, 1905	W. K. Pressel	and	Mary W. Johnston
Oct. 10, 1906	A. W. Newlin	and	Mary E. Wigton
Dec. 27, 1906	C. B. Hess	and	Annie J. Ward
March 25, 1908	Wm. J. Miller	and	Mary C. Hendershot
March 26, 1908	John Henry Everhart	and	Lois Russell Wigton
March 17, 1910	Benjamin Everhart	and	Jessie B. Reed
March 22, 1910	Charles R. Colabine	and	Mary A. Bathurst
March 24, 1910	Edward M. Johnston	and	Martha E. Everhart
May 10, 1910	Herbert E. Lippencott	and	Jessie E. Woomer
June 14, 1911	H. C. Wilson	and	Anna W. Wigton
May 4, 1912	S. K. Everheart	and	Mabel G. Reed
July 30, 1913	George G. Shultz	and	Jessie J. Johnson
Oct. 2, 1913	John C. Keller	and	Elizabeth Wigton
Feb. 10, 1915	John E. Quinn	and	Mrs. M. E. Gates

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March 30, 1915	H. R. Breon	and	Mildred J. Davis
Dec. 30, 1915	R. S. Musser	and	I. T. G. McWilliams
Nov. 8, 1916	W. H. Harris	and	Susan L. Johnston
Nov. 8, 1916	Edwin Stover	and	Margarite Johnston
Nov. 9, 1916	R. H. Thompson	and	E. M. Houser
Feb. 15, 1917	Claud C. Williams	and	Ada F. Gardner
June 26, 1919	Paul E. Brown	and	Elizabeth L. Behrer
Sept. 25, 1919	Charles M. Hoffman	and	Luella Archey
Feb. 11, 1920	Leroy E. Gates	and	Edith J. Archey
April 27, 1920	Reuben E. Behrer	and	Mabel E. Peterson
Dec. 2, 1920	Frank V. Goodhart	and	Sara A. McWilliams
Dec. 27, 1921	Leroy K. Metzger	and	Mildred A. Houser
Aug, 1922	Alvin Wright	and	Alice Irvin
Oct. 19, 1924	W. Harry Porter	and	Nancy R. McWilliams
Oct. 19, 1924	Melvin Peters	and	Elizabeth Harpster
	Sheldon D. Behrer	and	Janet A. Zimmers
July 11, 1948	Robert K. Davis	and	Roxy B. Behrer
October 22, 1938	Martin Forest Peiffer	and	Enid Belle Woomer
December 28, 1942	Roy M. Bresler	and	Ida Woomer
March 16, 1949	Clair E. Baney	and	Sue A. Griffin
June 2, 1950	Howard J. Decker	and	Mary H. Hillard
Oct. 27, 1950	Harry R. Bailey	and	Evelyn C. Henry
Aug. 9, 1950	Wilbur K. Rung	and	Emma M. Peterson
Jan. 12, 1951	Harold W. Enders	and	Leona M. Brown
May 26, 1951	John C. Behrer	and	Bernice Rider
March 20, 1952	Robert M. Robbins	and	Alda Singer
Aug. 8, 1952	William F. Warren, Jr.	and	Jean G. Bechle
June 14, 1952	George E. Harpster	and	Edna E. Schilling
June 25, 1952	James H. Lake	and	Elizabeth J. Oliver
July 26, 1952	John E. Woomer	and	Marjorie A. Barkman
May 29, 1953	Warren Merle Behrer	and	Virginia A. Reed
July 18, 1953	Robert E. Kocher	and	Catherine E. Foster
Dec. 6, 1954	Earl L. Carper	and	Mary C. Harpster
Dec. 7, 1954	Alfred R. Waltz	and	Mary K. Frank
Jan. 8, 1955	Robert L. Tressler	and	Sarah A. Fry
Jan. 27, 1956	James S. Oliver, Jr.	and	Evelyn Fry
May 24, 1958	Clinton C. Rodell	and	Donna A. Lewis
June 21, 1958	Richard T. Heidecker	and	Shirley A. Weaver
Dec. 27, 1958	Robert Shey	and	Betty Gunsallus
Aug. 15, 1959	Paul Reed	and	Kay Gunsallus
Dec. 4, 1959	Francis J. Billetts	and	Ruth M. Kocher
June 18, 1960	Kenneth Fultz	and	Ann Brown
June 24, 1961	Paul Gill	and	Donna Myers
June 24, 1961	Earl Glotfelty	and	Susan I. Pekruhn
Aug. 19, 1961	Herbert J. Houck	and	Sara J. Wagner
Oct. 24, 1961	Robert N. Oliver	and	Carol E. Gunsallus
Dec. 29, 1961	Charles W. Henry, Jr.	and	Lois L. Lake
Oct. 27, 1962	Norman David	and	Jean E. Lake
Dec. 24, 1962	John R. Watters, Jr.	and	Joan E. Houck
Aug. 25, 1962	Edwin H. Stephens	and	Margaret A. Coldana
September 14, 1963	Harold Lester Gensimore	and	Rachel Anna Houck
October 4, 1963	Joseph David Fye	and	Marsha Louise Hillard
July 22, 1967	Robert George Gough	and	Dorothy Jean Heichel
June 12, 1971	Mert Evalena Heichel	and	Edwin Alfred King

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March 16, 1973	John Edward Heichel	and	Anita Ann Woomer
May 12, 1973	Scott E. Bresler	and	Gisela Socarras
September 1, 1973	James Walter Horne	and	Barbara Ann Heichel
December 21, 1974	Daniel Robert Hand	and	Cheerful Paul
June 7, 1975	Timothy B. Steele	and	Carolyn Sue Houck
March 27, 1976	Dennis Joseph Scalise	and	Katherine Anne Garvin
May 15, 1976	Harry Kocher	and	Helen Barth
November 13, 1976	Dale Bresler	and	Saralee Holt Weintrob
April 30, 1976	Joseph Herbert Zimmers	and	Emma Blanche Ghaner
May 14, 1977	William Benjamin Strapp	and	Pamel Jeanne Oravety
September 2, 1978	Richard Barth	and	Mary Baney
June 21, 1980	Edward P. Corridan, Jr.	and	Ruth Ann Behrer
August 28, 1980	John Huyskill Steward	and	Kay Lynnette (Fornwalt) Pytel
June 6, 1981	Robert Allan Oravety	and	Debra Kaye Pittman
April 24, 1982	Keith William Grenoble	and	Ruth Ilene Grove
May 1, 1982	Michael Scott King	and	Lee Ann Prasse
September 11, 1982	Gordon Leon Carper	and	Pamela Ann Dillman
August 28, 1982	Dennis Robert Milhoan	and	Linda Marie Vonada
October 9, 1982	Charles Leonard Fergus	and	Nancy Marie Brown
December 3, 1983	Dennis Duane Grandons	and	Susan Marie Hodge
December 22, 1984	Neal Leroy Carper	and	Linda Jean Keller
June 22, 1985	Russell B. H. Richard	and	Judy Naomi Carper
September 7, 1985	David Lee Martin	and	Karen Maria Hughes
March 21, 1987	Charles Scott Wheeland	and	Vida Ruth Baney
July 16, 1988	Thomas C. Sweeney	and	Carol Elizabeth Rudy
June 2, 1990	Gregory Allen Blum	and	Susan Isabelle Behrer
March 9, 1991	John Nagel	and	Nancy Jane Behrer
October 24, 1992	Jeffrey Wayne Henderson	and	Barbara Ann Serbin
December 18, 1993	James Edwin Raabe	and	Michelle Linn King
October 1, 1994	Ricky Allen Phillips	and	Karen Louise Henry
May 27, 1995	John Mahlon Bauer, Jr.	and	Beth Ann Henry
August 10, 1996	Todd Edward Ferner	and	Diane Arleen Dietterick
November 9, 1996	Ronald Earl Carper	and	Tamara Sue Moon



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## IV. REGISTER OF BAPTISMS.

When the person baptized is an adult, the word "adult" may be inserted instead of the names of the parent or in addition. The names of persons baptized to be given in full; and the Christian names of their parents.

NAMES.	PARENTS' NAMES.	WHEN BORN.	WHEN BAPTIZED.
Sarah Mary Beers	Andrew & Catharine Beers		Novr. 29 <sup>th</sup> , 1862.
George Sargent Dare	Mary Dare Reg.		Novr. 29 <sup>th</sup> , 1862.
Alice Jane Dare	" "		Novr. 29 <sup>th</sup> , 1862.
Henry Grace Isenberg	Thomas & Mary Isenberg		Novr. 29 <sup>th</sup> , 1862.
Robert Williams Travis	Wm. & Susan Travis		Novr. 29 <sup>th</sup> , 1862.
John Elliott Ward	Simon & Anna Ward		Novr. 29 <sup>th</sup> , 1862.
Ella Margaret McWilliams	W. B. & J. McWilliams		Novr. 29 <sup>th</sup> , 1862.
Ellen Ewing	Ad. ult.		Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup> , 1863.
Lilly Mae Isenberg	Thomas & Mary Isenberg	Mar. 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 1863.	June 5 <sup>th</sup> , 1863.
Sarah Ann Isenberg	John & Mary Ann Isenberg	Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup> , 1862.	June 8 <sup>th</sup> , 1863.
Edward Rufus Stewart	John & Mary Ann Stewart	Apr. 8 <sup>th</sup> , 1862.	June 8 <sup>th</sup> , 1863.
John Brett Archey	John & Catharine Archey	Oct. 21 <sup>st</sup> , 1862.	June 8 <sup>th</sup> , 1863.
Mary Bell Anderson	Robert & Martha Anderson	Apr. 29 <sup>th</sup> , 1862.	June 8 <sup>th</sup> , 1863.
Benjamin Emanuel Leeds	James & Mary Ann Leeds	Feb. 13 <sup>th</sup> , 1863.	June 8 <sup>th</sup> , 1863.
John Alexander Rankin	Alexander & Mary Rankin	Nov. 26 <sup>th</sup> , 1863.	June 8 <sup>th</sup> , 1863.
Christopher Wight	Samuel & Elizabeth Wight	Jan. 16 <sup>th</sup> , 1863.	Oct. 5 <sup>th</sup> , 1863.
William Ingraham Wight	" " "	Jan. 16 <sup>th</sup> , 1863.	Oct. 5 <sup>th</sup> , 1863.
Andrew Jackson Patterson	Samuel Patterson		Oct. 5 <sup>th</sup> , 1863.
Anna Elizabeth Patterson	" "		Oct. 5 <sup>th</sup> , 1863.
Mary Patterson	" "		Oct. 5 <sup>th</sup> , 1863.
Frederica Patterson	" "		Oct. 5 <sup>th</sup> , 1863.
Mary Ella Mc Donald	Dr. J. B. & Elizabeth Mc Donald		Feb. 5 <sup>th</sup> , 1864.
Henry Scherer	John & Sarah Scherer		Feb. 10 <sup>th</sup> , 1864.
Thomas Moses Bates	William & Catharine Bates		Feb. 10 <sup>th</sup> , 1864.
Benjamin James Leopold	Ad. ult.		June 5 <sup>th</sup> , 1864.
James E. Moffat	Ad. ult.		June 5 <sup>th</sup> , 1864.
Thomas McWilliams Anderson	Robert & Martha Anderson		Oct. 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 1864.
George Thomas Archey	Robert & Jane Archey		Feb. 6 <sup>th</sup> , 1865.
Robert Scherer	John & Sarah Scherer		Feb. 5 <sup>th</sup> , 1865.
Thomas Henry Archey	John & Catharine Archey		June 5 <sup>th</sup> , 1865.

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NAMES.	PARENTS' NAMES.	WHEN BORN.	WHEN BAPTIZED.
Geo. M. Thompson McWilliams.	W.B. & C. J. McWilliams.		June 5 <sup>th</sup> , 1865.
James Harrison Ewing.	Mrs. J. M. A. Ewing.		June 6 <sup>th</sup> , 1865.
Robert Martin Gates	Catherine Gates		June 1866
Sydney D. Patterson	Same Pattersons		July 1866
Nancy Jane Black	Adult		Oct 7 1866
Emma Laura Black	Mrs Nancy J Black		Oct 7 1866
William Milton Black	do do		Oct 7 1866
William McFarland Archy	Same Archy		Oct 7 1866
John Moss	Adult		March 30 1867
Annie W. Lyon	Adult		March 30 1867
David L. Lyon	Adult		March 30 1867
James E. Wilson	Adult		March 30 1867
John McQuinn	Adult		March 30 1867
Harrison Gilbert	Adult		March 30 1867
Ellen B. Ayres	John & Elizabeth Ayres		March 4 <sup>th</sup> 1867
Sam Ayres	" " "		March 4 <sup>th</sup> 1867
Annie L. Ayres	" " "		March 11 <sup>th</sup> 1867
Lynell Ayres	" " "		March 4 <sup>th</sup> 1867
Colonie Ayres	" " "		March 11 <sup>th</sup> 1867
Clara Lyon	Chas & V. B. D. Lyon		March 11 <sup>th</sup> 1867
Annie Lyon	" " "		March 11 <sup>th</sup> 1867
John Lyon	" " "		March 11 <sup>th</sup> 1867
Mary Lyon	" " "		March 11 <sup>th</sup> 1867
Annie M. Black	Mrs Nancy J. Black		March 11 <sup>th</sup> 1867
Maggie Beck Black	" " "		June 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1867
Emma G. Davis	Mrs Mary Davis		June 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1867
Mary E. Davis	" " "		June 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1867
Elmer R. Davis	" " "		June 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1867
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NAMES.	PARENTS' NAMES.	WHEN BORN.	WHEN BAPTIZED.
Mary J. Archey.	John & Catherine Archey		June 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1867
Miriam Hills Egan	Thomas & Maria Egan		June 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1867
Hezekiah E. Archey,	George & M. A. Archey		June 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1867
Esther Amy Ewing	Hez & M. A. Ewing		June 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1867
James Herbert Harris	Geo & Patsy Harris		Oct 7 <sup>th</sup> 1867
Minnie Bell McWilliams	Wm B. & E. McWilliams		Oct 7 <sup>th</sup> 1867
Arthur E. Johnson	J. I. & Sarah Johnson		Oct 7 <sup>th</sup> 1867
John Sivens -	Adult		March 8 <sup>th</sup> 1868
William Hamilton Adams	J. D. & Sarah Adams		Feb'y 17 <sup>th</sup> 1868
Eliza J. Ross	Sarah & Sarah Ross	April 28, 1858	June 7 <sup>th</sup> 1868
John Ross	" "	April 27, 1860	" " "
Thaddeus Ross	" "	March 4, 1862	" " "
Wesley Ross	" "	April 15, '64	June 21, 1868
George Ross	" "	Dec. 15, '65	" " "
Edgar Ross	" "	Dec. 13, '67	" " "
Benjamin Franklin Ross	John & Elizabeth A. Ross	May 14, '67	June 7 <sup>th</sup> 1868
Ann Dawson Davis	Thos. & Christine Davis	April 29, '67	" " "
William Herbert Brown	Benj. F. & Mary Ann Brown	Apr. 1866	" " "
Jennie Stewart Brown	" " "	Sept 24 1867	" " "
Mary Eliza Isenborg	Thomas & Mary Isenborg	March 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1866	June 1868
Rebecca Jane Isenborg	" " "	" " "	June 1868
Hester de. Wallace, May	Daria & Caroline May	March 16 <sup>th</sup> 1868	June 1868
Maria, Eliza, Latis	Catherine Latis	June 12 <sup>th</sup> 1868	Oct 4 <sup>th</sup> 1868
Robert Davis, Archey	Robert & Jane Archey		Feb'y 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1869
Nancy & M. Graters	Adult		Feb'y 21 <sup>st</sup> 1869
William H. Graters	Adult		Feb'y 21 <sup>st</sup> 1869
David Henry Anderson	David & Susan Anderson		April 25 <sup>th</sup> 1869
Eliza E. Davis	George & Patsy Harris	Agst 5 <sup>th</sup> 1868	June 28 <sup>th</sup> 1869
Mattie M. Ewing	Hez & M. A. Ewing	Agst 15 <sup>th</sup> 1868	June 28 <sup>th</sup> 1869

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NAMES.	PARENTS' NAMES.	WHEN BORN.	WHEN BAPTIZ
Anna Esabel Archer	G. W. & Mary A. Archer	Feb. 26. 1870	June 13. 1870
Bucher Ayers	B. & J. Ayers	Nov. 18. 1869	" " "
Gene Matilda Beck	J. M. & M. E. Beck	Jan 28. 1869	" " "
Anna Mary Gardner	Robt. & Martha Gardner	April 10. 1869	" " "
Carrie May Miller	J. W. & S. L. Miller	Nov. 15. 1869	" " "
Arthur Miller	L. & Emma Miller	March 5. 1869	" " "
Louis William Travis	L. L. & Priscilla M. Travis	March 13. 1870	" " "
Samuel Porter Brown	B. F. & Martha J. Brown	Jan. 6. 1869	Oct. 3. 1870
Charles Edgar May	Samuel & Caroline H. May	Dec. 27. 1869	" " "
Sallie Hughes Ross	John & Elizabeth Ross		June 4 <sup>th</sup> 1871
Maggie Stewart Davis	Thos & Christiana Davis		" " "
Adolphus F. Laporte	John & Mary Ann. Laporte	Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup>	March 5. 1871
Sarah Margaret Laporte	" " " " "	"	" " "
Fanny Gardner	Edmund Sallie Gardner	Feb. 8. 1866	Oct. 1. 1871
William Gardner	" " " " "	"	"
Mary Maudie Gardner	" " " " "	Jan 3. 1870	"
Calvin Patterson Erwin	Wm. H. & Amanda Erwin	Dec. 25. 1869	"
Abigail Lloyd Pentney	Thos L. & Mary H. Pentney	May 28. 1869	"
Anna Laura Knicker	George & M. E. Knicker	April 22. 1866	"
George Herbert Knicker	" " " "	Feb. 2. 1869	"
Marie Ellen Muelly	(Civil)		March 5. 1872
John Carson	"		"
Margaret Carson	"		"
Martha Jane Carson	"		"
William A. Erwin	"		"
Samuel A. Erwin	"		"
William A. Erwin	"		"
John Estlin Peters	"		"
Urania E. Peters	J. B. & Emma Peters	Feb. 2. 1868	"
Robert W. Peters	" " "	July 12. 1869	"



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NAMES.	PARENTS' NAMES.	WHEN BORN.	WHEN BAPTIZED.
Bergmann Franklin Emmerich	James & Hannah Emmerich	April 11. 1860	March 4. 1872
John Emmerich	" " "	Feb. 18. 1862	" " "
James Emmerich	" " "	April 21. 1864	" " "
Lydin Jane Emmerich	" " "	Aug. 11. 1866	" " "
Thomas Emmerich	" " "	Jan. 2. 1869	" " "
Frank Bain	John & Maria Bailey	Jan. 16. 1867	June 3. 1872
Beckley George William	John & Eliza Miller	July 25. 1871	" 10 1872
Agnes Edwidge Gray	Wm. & Eliza Miller	May 15 1872	Nov. 10 1872
Mary Esther Emery	A. B. & Ann Emery	Feb. 28 1872	" " "
Johnson John Archer	George & Mary Ann Archer	" " "	" " "
John Porter Brown	Levi & Emma Brown	July 29. 1872	" 17 "
Minna Lynn Brown	B. & M. J. Brown	April 5. 1871	" " "
Harvey Miller	Caroline Miller	April 5. 1867	Feb. 24. 1873
Elmer Wash	John & Caroline Wash	Feb. 25. 1871	" " "
Effie Mary Symms	John & Adeline Symms	July 17 <sup>th</sup> 1868	" " "
Charles Joseph Symms	" " "	" 27 <sup>th</sup> 1870	" " "
James Bolton Symms	" " "	April 8 <sup>th</sup> 1871	" " "
Sarah Ann Symms	" " "	Nov. 22. 1872	" " "
Caroline Wash	Adult	"	" 23 "
Ann Rothrock	"	"	" " "
Samuel Lucas	"	"	March 9 <sup>th</sup> "
Myra Ann Lucas	"	"	" " "
Clorinda Ann Purdy	George Purdy & Elizabeth	March 1866	June 2. 1873
Sarah Margaret Purdy	" " "	Oct. 15. 1868	" " "
John Howard Purdy	" " "	May 3. 1868	" " "
George Porter Brown	John & Amanda Brown	Feb. 16. 1871	" " "
Clara Mary Brown	John & Amanda Brown	March 20 1873	" " "
John Walter Archer	Robert & Jane Archer	Sept. 29. 1870	" " "
Arthur May Archer	" " "	Sept. 17. 1872	" " "
Newton R. Miller	Arthur & Emma Miller	June 27. 1872	" " "
		" 26. 1872	Oct. 6 "

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NAMES.	PARENTS' NAMES.	WHEN BORN.	WHEN BAPT.
Myrtie Louisa	Taken to raise by Wm & Sine Travis		Oct. 6, 1873
Frank Elan son Heister	Rev. S. H. Heister	June 26 1872	" " "
Anna King	Samuel & Maria King		Nov. 23 "
James Carson	Thomas & Maria Carson		" " "
William Hamilton Patterson	Sam. & Rachel Patterson	Sept. 7, 1867	June 2 1874
Robert William Patterson	" " "	Feb. 22, 1870	" " "
John Roland Galt	Wm & Catherine Galt	Sept. 4, 1873	" " "
Thomas Galt	Adult	Adult	June 1, 1874
James McGill	"	"	" " "
Elizabeth Jacobs	"	"	" " "
Prentice Rush Beck	Jos. & Martha E.	Dec. 10 1873	June 8, 1874
George Porter Sunday	Emanuel & Lydia	Sept 21 1873	" " "
Anna May Ewing	Jeremiah	Aug. 16 1870	Oct 15 1874
George Porter Ewing	"	Dec 28 1871	" " "
Joseph Clark Kelly Bailey	George & Mary Bailey	Jan 16 1871	Feb 15 1878
Eleanor Lyon Fair	Dr. & Jane Fair	Sept 21 1874	" " "
Wm. Adolphus Fishburn	Wm & Mrs Fishburn	"	" " "
Sarah Taylor Miller	Jno & Eliza S. Miller	May 7 1874	June 7 1875
James H. Emigh	Mr & Mrs Jacob Emigh	Feb 27 1869	" " "
Mary A. Emigh	"	Aug. 6, 1871	" " "
Ida May Emigh	"	Feb 8 1874	" " "
Bessie Jane Bailey	Robert & Jane Bailey	Aug 4 1874	" " "
John Bailey	John & Maria Bailey	"	" " "
Charles Abraham Garsberg	Thomas & Mary	July 19 1872	" " "
Edward Swell Fremberg	"	Feb 15 1875	" " "
James Ewing	Adult	"	Feb 1876
Solomon Collins Hauer	"	"	" " "
Calvin Mott	"	July 27 1857	" " "
John Emerick	"	"	" " "
Clara Porter Hauer	"	"	" " "

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John Elias Frank	Adult		Feb. 6. 1876
William Johnathan Buchanan	John E. & Susan Ann	Sept. 5. 1875	" 7. 1876.
Thomas Horner	John A. & Kate	Aug. 5. 1877	" " "
Mary Wallace Hamilton	Wm. & Kate Hamilton	Sept. 2. 1877	April 2. 1876.
Calvin C. Miller	Luther & Emily L. Miller	Nov. 29. 1876	June 8. 1876
Kate Calvin Reiley	J. C. & A. J. Bailey	Feb. 26. 1871	Feb. 5. 1877
Charles Davis	Thomas & Elizabeth Davis		March 7. 1877
Mary Lewis Davis	" " "		" 17 1877
Charles Bruce Johnston	Wm. & Ellen A.	Oct. 1. 1873	June 15. 1877
Kate Stewart Johnston	" " "	Jan 6. 1875	" " "
John Thompson Caldwell	Robert V. & Matilda C	Oct. 15. 1876	" " "
J. Hardley Thomas	Rebecca & Benjamin	Dec 16 1867	" 24 <sup>th</sup> "
Ellen Lura Thomas	" " "	July 21 1871	" " "
Esther Jane Stewart Thomas	" " "	Sept. 30 1872	" " "
Mary Oline Thomas	" " "	April 11 1874	" " "
Edgar Jane Thomas	" " "	June 17 1875	" " "
Joseph Kelly Thomas	" " "	Jan 31. 1877	" " "
William Cyrus Frank	Thomas & Matilda	Feb. 21 1876	Oct 1. 1877
Lettie Lurline Johnson	John B. & Mary L.	April 1 1877	" " "
John Arthur Sunday	Isaac & Adeline	Jan. 26. 1877	" " "
Harry Edgar Horrocks	Rebecca J.	April 3. 1877	Oct. 10. "
George Morrison Bell	Frederick & Sarah Bell	Nov ? 1877	" " "
Man Wright Johnston	Wm. H. Johnston & Susan A.	" 11 "	June 3. 1878
Estherine Bell Archer	Levy & Mary	Jan 13 1876	Oct 24 "
James Voorhes Thompson	J. C. & Ann S. Thompson	Mar 24. 1878	" " "
Laura Virginia Pender	H. L. and Ann Pender	Sept. 12. 1878	Feb. 3. 1879
Wallace Stewart Thompson	J. C. & Susan Thompson	Sept. 1. 1878	Aug 1879
Ellen	W. E. & Anna Williams	Nov. 12. 1878	" "
Mary Martha Caldwell	Robt & Lillie Caldwell	Sept. 2. 1878	Oct. 4 1879
James T. Young	Alex. & Edw. Ewing	May 9. 1876	" " 1877

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NAMES.	PARENTS' NAMES.	WHEN BORN.	WHEN BAPTIZED.
Daniel Hezekiah Ewing	Hezekiah & Margaret.	Jan. 1, 1877	Jan 18, 1880
Anna Mary Solomon	John B. & Mary A.	Oct 15, 1877	June 7, "
James Truman Miller	John & Lizzie S.	" 8 "	" " "
Nora Belle Enigh	Jacob & Hannah	" 4 "	" " "
Eva Grace Archer	Robert & Maria	Nov 7, 1876	" " "
James C. McFarland Archer	" "	Sept 10, 1877	" " "
Marcella Wright	John H. & Francis J.	Dec. 1, "	" " "
Lucy Thompson Lott	John D. & M. G. Lott	June 2, 1867	" " "
Henry Elmer Lott	" " " "	Feb. 25, 1865	" " "
Richard Wood Lott	" " " "	April 3, 1872	" " "
Edwin Montemayor Johnson	John H. & Susan	Sept 24, 1879	" " "
Malcolm David Luss	John E. & Elizabeth	Sept 27, 1879	Oct. 10, 1880
John Gardner Ekerson	John & Alice C.	June 14, 1880	June 7, 1881
John Henry McWilliams	John E. & Annie	Jan 28, 1881	" 6, 1881
George Warren Deter	James & Catherine	Oct 21, 1876	" 6, 1881
Carrie Porter Archer	George & Mary Ann	May, 24, 1881	Oct 1, "
Marion Maria Porter	Henry L. and Almira	Sept. 20, 1881	March 19, 1882
Lois Russell Wright	John M. & Jennie Wright	April 23, 1882	Sept 1, 1882
Jacob Emanuel Thompson	Orin & Dan Thompson	" "	" " "
Bertha Belinda Enigh	Madame Jacob Enigh	" "	" " "
Anna Myra Miller	Arthur & Emma Miller	Nov 27, 1881	June 7, 1882
Ralph Ernest Ekerson	John & Almira Ekerson	Oct 6, 1882	" " "
Gray Edward Sunday	Emmanuel & Lydia Sunday	Feb. 1, 1882	" " "
Henry Margaret Enigh	Hezekiah & Margaret	Jan 11, 1881	" " "
Nora Lizzie Solomon	John B. & Margaret	Aug. 12, 1882	" " "
Lily Belle Lott	Frank & Lillian Lott	Oct 22, 1882	" " "
Lois Matilda Lott	Adult	" "	" " "
Elia R. Laporte	"	" "	" " "
James B. J. J. J.	"	"	" 10 <sup>th</sup> 1882
John Mabel Lott	"	"	" " "

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Karl A. - Melville Irvine	James B. & Virginia	Sept. 10. 1883	June 2. 1884
Warren Ward Burt	John S. & Anna	Dec. 11. 1879	Sept. 14. 1884
Anna Mary Burt	" "	July 25. 1882	" " "
Julia Mary Burt	" "	March 6. 1884	" " "
Thomas Lytle Francis	Samuel & Lillie	Nov 24 1883	" " "
Anna Wade Wrigton	John M. & Jennie	March 21, 1884	" " "
Charles Stewart McWilliams	W. E. & Annie S.	March 6. 1884	" " "
Robert Abbott Dunlap	L. B. & Rebecca	April 15. 1884	" " "
Ethelyn Ray Travis	Robert W. & Mary A.	Sept 19. 1884	Feb 8th 1885
Wm. Milton Leach	L. R. & Ellen Leach	Sept. 18. 1884	July 5. 1885
John Edwin Barker	Frank M. & Eliza Barker	Sept 2 1884	" " "
Edgar Blair Miller	John H. & Eliza Miller	Sept. 11. 1884	" " "
Samuel Harris Glenn	Saml. & Phebe E.	Aug 5. 1884	Oct 11. 1885
Suzanne Moore Porter	John L. & Carrie	July 12. 1885	" " "
Harry Ingram Olds	H. C. & Mary P. Olds	Dec 22. 1884	March 13. 1886
George Lyon Porter	H. L. & Elizabeth M. Porter	Nov. 29. 1885	" " "
William Pitt Horner		Adult	" 14. "
Robert Caldwell Clason		"	" " "
Mary Caroline Shutz		"	" " "
Effie Ann Black		"	" " "
Doris Fred J. Bachman		"	" " "
Luella J. P. Bachman		"	" " "
Mary Catharine Willis		"	" " "
Harry Miller Johnston		"	" " "
Charlotte Louise Geist		"	" " "
Myron Alvinson Geist		"	" " "
Sarah Annie McWilliams	W. E. & Annie S. McWilliams	Dec. 22. 1885	June 5. "
Mary William Bailey	John S. & Hannah Bailey	Sept 17, 1885	" " "
James Brown Geist	Andrew & Sue M.	Oct 12. 1882	" " "
Lucas Hannon Geist	" " "	Dec 16 1885	" " "

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William E. Sunday	Emanuel & Lydia	Oct-17. 1884	June 5-1886
Robert Jackson Fryson	John M. & Jennie	Aug. 21. 1885	" " "
Alexander Fleming	John &	Oct-27 1882	" " "
Graham White Fleming	" "	Mar. 23. 1875	" " "
David Cunningham Fleming	" "	April 27. 1878	" " "
Margaret Cunningham Fleming	" "	May 6 <sup>th</sup> 1881	" " "
Harry Pickands Fleming	" "	Aug 7 <sup>th</sup> 1884	" " "
Celestia Laura Supleton	adult-		" 6 "
Sophia Rona Imeline Supleton	"		" " "
Mary Elizabeth Russell	"		Jan 9. 1887
Mary Bird Letin	James & Anna C.	Oct-31 <sup>st</sup> 1886	June 12 "
William Clarence Letin	Rev. C. & Lizzie M.	Jan 13. 1881	" " "
Amie Catharine Letin	" " "	Oct-12 1886	" " "
Laura Bell Travis	Robt. W. & Mary A.	Nov. 15-1886	" " "
Ada Imeline Johns	adult-	<del>Jan 8. 1888</del>	Jan 8. 1888
Edna Candace Cohen	J. M. W. Johns & Elizabeth	April 27. 1887	Oct. 2. 1887
Mary Ella Messer	Edmund R. & Hannah E.	Oct-8. 1887	June 3. 1888
Legnes McVittie Oliver	Andrew W. & Jennie		" 2 "
Laura Clare Root	John & Laura	Aug 25. 1886	" 1 <sup>st</sup> 1887
Tom Van Vries Root	John & Laura	May 20. 1888	" " "
William Harold McWilliams	W. E. & Annie	Jan 26 <sup>th</sup> 1889	" " "
Maud Elizabeth Miller	J. H. & S. E. Miller	Mar. 27 1889	Sept 28 1889
Elizabeth Ingram High	Jos. M. & Jennie	Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup> 1889	May 31 <sup>st</sup> 1890
Ada Florence Gardner	Wm. S. & Maggie		Nov. 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1890
James Sterrett Oliver	Andrew W. & Jennie	Sept. 4 1891	June 11 1892
Gertrude E. Frank	Thos. A. & M. E.	Aug. 21 "	" " "
Marion Livingston	Samuel & M. L.	June 17 "	" " "
Hellen C. Ward	"	Jan. 24 <sup>th</sup> "	" " "
Anna E. Ward	W. S. & Ida A.	Feb. 4 1892	" " "
Lola Agnes Mosel	Jos. C. & Isabel E.	Mar. 6. 1891	" "

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Name	Parents' Name	Birthdate
Niforth, L. Belle	(Mrs. A. B. Ewing, sponsor)	May 5, 1888
Irvin, Andrew G.	James B. & Virginia	March 1, 1888
Irvin, Miriam A.	James B. & Virginia	September 4, 1890
Wilson, Mary M.	Samuel & Ida	September 9, 1891
Oliver, James S.	Andrew W. & Jennie E.	September 4, 1891
Frank, Charles E.	Thomas A. & M.E.	August 21, 1891
Irvin, Marion L.	Samuel & N.L.	June 17, 1891
Ward, Helen C.	Warren S. & Ida A.	January 24, 1891
Howser, Minnie E.	Luther M. & Anna C.	March 26, 1890
Boop, Harry S.	John E. & Laura E.	April 15, 1890
Mosel, Lola A.	Joseph C. & Mabel E.	March 6, 1891
Howser, Albert M.	Luther M. & Anna E.	July 20, 1891
Ward, Annie E.	Warren S. & Ida A.	February 4, 1892
Archev, Luella	John B. & Olive	February 5, 1892
McWilliams, Isabella	W. E. & Annie S.	November 22, 1892
Musser, Samuel W.	Edward R. & Harriet E.	August 30, 1892
Gardener, Boyd McW.	William & Margaret	October 15, 1892
Mosel, Myra A.	Joseph C. & Mabel E.	November 8, 1892
Wilson, Robert M.	Samuel & Ida	October 24, 1893
Ward, Paul C.	Warren & Ida	August 28, 1893
Gates, Leroy E.	Harry & Margaret	January, 1894
Goheen, Lester D.	Robert & Belle	September 15, 1894
McWilliams, Paul E.	George & Nora	August, 1894
Geist, Theodore W.	A. & Sue	October 1, 1894
Howser, Carl M.	Luther, & Nonie	September 30, 1894
Emigh, Mary	Ida May	March 13, 1894
Irvin, Sue	James & Jennie	September 20, 1894
Zwieg, Robert W.	Frank & Mila	August 7, 1895
Gardener, Mary E.	William & Margaret	April 1, 1895
Ward, Simon W.	Warren & Ida	April 21, 1895
Oliver, Stanley C.	A.W. & Jennie	March 16, 1896
McWilliams, Nannie R.	W.E. & S.A.	August 13, 1896
Gensimore, Esther F.	L.D. & Kate	September 4, 1896
Archev, Catherine R.	F.W. & Nina	February 6, 1896
Gardner, William M.	W.G. & Margaret	September 2, 1896
Vantries, Samuel M.	William & Adda	September 6, 1896
Stiver, John W.	John W. & Lizzie	July 17, 1895
Armentrout, Hazel J.	Thomas S. & Edith W.	July 8, 1897
Goheen, Elizabeth S.	R.G. & Belle	September 13, 1897
Ward, James M.	W.S. & Ida	May 18, 1899
Howser, Mildred	Luther M. & Anna	August 12, 1899
McClintock, Emmet K.	E.E. & Emma	September 15, 1894
Judy, Vinda M.	George & wife	December, 1901
Woomer, Isaac L.	Joseph & wife (Cora)	August, 1902
Giest, Gladys O.	Pierce & wife	April, 1902
Wilson, Albert R.	William & wife	August, 1902
Kocher, Edwin V.	Mrs. Ed. Kocher	June, 1903
Gates, Mary C.	Harry & wife	January, 1903
Judy, Harriett M.	George & wife	August, 1903
Frank, Charlotte P.	Lloyd & wife	January 18, 1904
Geist, Loretta	Mrs. S. Geist	May 9, 1904
Goheen, George B.	R.H. & wife	February, 1906



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Frank, Herbert C.	Lloyd & wife	Janaury 25, 1906
Miller, Martha E.	Sumner & wife	April 8, 1906
Kocher, James G.	Ed & wife	October, 1906
Parsons, Sandra E.	Mrs. E. Parsons	May, 1906
Brown, Marion	B. H. & wife	August 23, 1908
Everhart, Elizabeth W.	J.H. & wife	October 17, 1908
Eyer, Mary E.	Mrs. Mary Eyer	January 25, 1909
Burd, Howard H.	Wm. H. & wife	July 19, 1909
Miller, Margaret M.	Sumner & wife	January 13, 1910
Colabine, Edna F.	C. & wife	February 15, 1911
Burd, Eleanor C.	W.H. & wife	July 8, 1911
Parsons, Rachel E.	Mrs. E. Parsons	June 1, 1912
Colabine, Lula E.	C.R. & wife	August 17, 1912
Wilson, Mary E.	Dr. H.C. & wife	May 21, 1913
Frank, Samuel B.	Lloyd & wife	November, 1914
Kocher, Carl P.	Mrs. Ann Kocher	June 2, 1914
Judy, Missouri E.	Ralph & wife	February 19, 1916
Ida R. Woomer	Ed & Lysle Woomer	September 16, 1916
Burd, Anna McF.	W.H. & wife	December 12, 1917
Judy, Miriam P.	Ralph & Anna	September 19, 1917
Colabine, Evelyn B.	C.R. & wife	
Everhart, Catherine G.	Ben & wife	
Everhart, M. Josephine	Ben & wife	
Kocher, Anna J.	Guy & wife	November 13, 1917
Behrer, Helen E.	C.W. & wife (Cora)	November 13, 1917
Irvin, Bettie Jane	Clarence & wife	
Louise Woomer	Ed & Lysle Woomer	July 9, 1918
Wilson, Roberta C.	Dr. H. C. & wife	
Houck, Alvin J.	Joseph & wife	August 2, 1919
Frank, Kenneth H.	Lloyd & wife	
Peterson, Isabelle M.	Owen & Caroline	December 9, 1920
Behrer, Nellie J.	Reuben & Mabel	May 7, 1921
Judy, Ralph K.		
McWilliams, Paul E.	Paul E. & wife	
McWilliams, George C.	Paul E. & wife	
Saucermann, Sara G.	John & Mary	
Saucermann, Robert	John & Mary	
Poust, Matilda E.		
Poust, Fred	Hearle & wife	
Harpster, Elwood R.	Edward & wife	
Ruby, Udell	James & Grace	
Wright, Mildred A.	Dr. & Mrs. Wright	
Behrer, Alfred E.	Reuben & Mabel	March 8, 1924
Ewing, Elmer I.		
Ewing, Alma R.		
Ewing, Gladys E.		
Peterson, Robert G.	Roy & wife (Edna)	October 24, 1922
Griffin, Alice		
Parensky, John		
Henry, Harold R.	Roy & Madaline	
Fleming, Jr., Harry		
Frank, (Jr.) Thomas	Lloyd & wife (Clara)	October 2, 1925

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Name	Parents' Name	Birthdate
Dodd, Ivan	Wilbur & Winifred	
Behrer, John C.	Reuben & Mabel	October 12, 1925
Henry, Donald E.	Roy & wife (Madaline Henry)	July 15, 1926
Behrer, Roxy B.	Chester & Cora	July 11, 1926
Weaver, George E.	W.E. & wife	June 21, 1926
Peterson, Emma M.	Roy & wife (Edna)	February 18, 1927
Oliver, Elizabeth J.	James & wife	June 22, 1927
Frank, Don C.	Lloyd & wife	December 11, 1927
Musser, Sara L.	R.L. & wife	December 11, 1927
Harpster, Glenn E.	D.P. & wife	September 5, 1927
Harpster, LeRoy H.	D.P. & wife	January 23, 1928
Gilliland, E. Larue	John & wife	April 24, 1928
Hilliard, James F.		
Stonebreaker, Myrtle	Fred & wife	August 8, 1928
Stonebreaker, Frederic L.	Fred & wife	September 20, 1929
Kocher, Robert E.	Guy & wife	November 1, 1928
Kocher, Gladys J.	Guy & wife	July 18, 1930
Peterson, James C.	Roy & wife (Edna)	November 28, 1928
Poust, Joan R.	Randall & Thelma	November 1, 1927
Gilliland, Wm. L.	John & wife (Hazel)	May 29, 1929
Musser, Isabelle		
Harpster, Mary C.	D.P. & wife	September 26, 1930
Weaver, Paul D.	W.E. & wife	March 20, 1930
Poust, Betty J.	James & wife	November 28, 1930
Poust, William	Randall & Thelma	January 26, 1931
Reed, Paul E.	R.W. & wife	July 26, 1930
Oliver, James S.	J.S. & wife	February 7, 1931
Wigton, Ann O.	R.J. & wife	April 7, 1931
Henry, Evelyn C.	Roy & wife	September 16, 1930
Woomer, Enid E.	Ed & wife (Lysle)	July 23, 1920
Woomer, Georgia	Ed & wife (Lysle)	September 30, 1922
Rudy, Gerald E.	James & wife	January 21, 1928
Brown, Mary J.	Robert & wife	September 15, 1932
Harpster, Mary C.	Clark & Harriet	October 7, 1932
Houck, James		
Fitzgerald, George		
Barto, Helen		
Clouser, Howard		
Kocher, William F.	Guy & wife	February 2, 1933
Dean, Clarence L.	James & wife	August 17, 1929
Weaver, Mary J.	W.V. & wife	August 18, 1932
Behrer, Charles	Chester & Cora	January 18, 1920
Hilliard, Dennis C.	John & wife	June 23, 1921
Hilliard, Frances M.	John & wife	July 7, 1918
Hilliard, John	John & wife	July 15, 1921
Peterson, John W.	Roy & wife (Edna)	April 6, 1932
Peterson, Roy E.	Roy & wife (Edna)	August 4, 1933
Fitzgerald, Jesse		
Biley, Shirley		
Clouser, Clarence		
Hilliard, Hope		

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Name	Parents' Name	Birthdate
Graffius, Lester		
Graffius, Nora	Mr. & Mrs. Lester Graffius	January 8, 1934
Oliver, Robert N.	J.S. & wife	February 1, 1934
Harpster, Eva L.	David & wife	January 11, 1936
Biglow, Betty Jane	George & wife	March 11, 1933
Newlin, John W.	John & wife	April 24, 1937
Stonebraker		
Clouser, Shirley		
Goss, DeLoris		
Weaver, Shirley	Mr. & Mrs. W. E. Weaver	May 21, 1936
Clouser, Donald		
Newlin, Susannah	John & wife	December 27, 1935
Woomer, John	E. K. & wife	September 3, 1924
Harpster, Marjorie M.	David & wife	April 29, 1937
	(Marjoie Harpster was the first baby baptized by Rev. Albertus Groendyk)	
Powley, John E.	Mr. & Mrs. C.W. Powley	
Behrer, Stanley E.	Mr. & Mrs. C.W. Behrer	January 4, 1922
Kocher, Ruth	Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Kocher	
Lake, Margaret A.	Mr. & Mrs. George Lake, Jr.	August 22, 1938
Behrer, Fay B.	Mr. & Mrs. C.W. Behrer	October 10, 1924
Graffius, Georgia P.	Mr. & Mrs. Lester Graffius	August 4, 1935
Graffius, Margaret A.	Mr. & Mrs. Lester Graffius	July 4, 1937
Groendyk, Garlyn	Rev. & Mrs. A. Groendyk	October 11, 1938
Harpster, Marion G.	Mr. & Mrs. David Harpster	April 5, 1939
Poust, Patricia L.	Mr. & Mrs. Randall Poust	March 17, 1936
Poust, Richard L.	Mr. & Mrs. Randall Poust	September 9, 1938
Lake, Lois L.	Mr. & Mrs. George Lake, Jr.	August 2, 1939
Fry, Evelyn L.	Mr. & Mrs. Elwood Fry	May 16, 1934
Newlin, Edward S.	Mr. & Mrs. John Newlin	September 12, 1939
Marshall, Clair		
Judy, Barbara	Mr. & Mrs. Theo. Judy	March 12, 1940
Groendyke, Barend	Rev. & Mrs. Groendyk	April 28, 1941
Noel, Doris		
Noel, Kenneth		
Noel, Elaine		
Clouser, Clyde		
Clouser, Ronald		
Clouser, Verna		
Houck, Herbert	Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Houck	July 22, 1941
Judy, Donald	Mr. & Mrs. Theo. Judy	May 1, 1931
Vicars, Mary A.	Mr. & Mrs. Guy Vicars	August 6, 1935
Haines, Lawrence R.	Mr. & Mrs. Upton Haines	
Harpster, Ernest A.	Mr. & Mrs. DAivd Harpster	January 30, 1941
Joseph Fye	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Fye	March 5, 1941
Ethel N. Davis	Mr. T.A. Davis	September 25, 1928
Pressler, Hazel I.	Mr. & Mrs. J.E. Pressler	October 29, 1926
Fry, Francis N.	Mr. & Mrs. W.B. Fry	September 7, 1928
Fry, Wilford B.	Mr. & Mrs. W. B. Fry	July 10, 1930
Behrer, S. Derwood	Mr. & Mrs. C.W. Behrer	August 31, 1929
Kocher, Melvin W.	Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Kocher	January 23, 1929
Houck, James V.	Mr. & Mrs. J.E. Houck	September 2, 1930

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Name	Parents' Name	Birthdate
Shilling, Janet L.	Mr. & Mrs. Willis Schilling	August 8, 1942
Gorman, Dorothy J.	Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Gorman	February 28, 1931
Houck, Glenn	Mr. & Mrs. J.E. Houck	August 20, 1933
Musser, Hunter	Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Musser	September 7, 1932
Manger, John C.	Adopted by Mr. & Mrs. J.H. M.	December 20, 1942
Fry, Martha J.	Mr. & Mrs. G.E. Fry	May 20, 1943
Lake, Mary L.	Mr. & Mrs. George Lake, Jr.	August 20, 1943
Newlin, Malinda		
Behrer, Jr., Charles	Charles & Beulah	March 30, 1943
Gorman, Lee		
Newlin, Katherine	Mr. & Mrs. John W. Newlin	December 11, 1943
(Katherine was baptised at home by Rev. Edward C. Reeves)		
Confer, Donald G.	Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Confer	June 21, 1936
Confer, Marcella E.	Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Confer	November 11, 1937
Confer, Howard C.	Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Confer	July 4, 1940
Hillard, Marsha L.	Mr. & Mrs. Reed Hillard	November 19, 1942
Davis, Edna M.	Mr. Thomas A David	
Lake, Carol Lee	Dr. & Mrs. Samuel Lake	
Behrer, Warren M.	Mr. & Mrs. C.W. Behrer	June 7, 1933
Griffin, Alice	Mr. & Mrs. James Griffin	December 21, 1921
Fye, Earl R.	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Fye	June 12, 1944
Johnston, Edwin L.	Mr. & Mrs. Alex Johnston	November 23, 1945
Fry, Lois, C.	Mr. & Mrs. Elwood Fry	
Homan, Ralph B.	Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Homan	March 23, 1946
Lake, William	Dr. & Mrs. Samuel Lake	November 14, 1946
(William was baptised by Rev. A.A. Love, Pastor of Mt. Washington United Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh)		
Lake, III, George C.	Mr. & Mrs. George C. Lake, Jr.	August 8, 1946
Bresler, Dale T.	Mr. & Mrs. Roy Bresler	August 14, 1945
Hanna, Constance	Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Hanna	
Leidy, John P.	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Leidy	December 27, 1946
Leidy, Kathy D.	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Leidy	December 27, 1946
(John and Kathy were baptised by Rev. A.A. Love, Pastor of Mt. Washington United Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh)		
Martin, Charles E.	Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Martin	
Poust, Charles R.	Mr. & Mrs. Fred Poust	June 17, 1947
Lake, John B.	Mr. & Mrs. G. C. Lake, Jr.	February 1, 1948
Bacon, Patricia J.	Mr. & Mrs. L. Bacon	September 1, 1948
Bacon, Richard	Mr. & Mrs. L. Bacon	
Houck, Mary	Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Houck (Edith)	
Houck, Rachel	Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Houck (Edith)	
Best, Charles	Rev. & Mrs. Charles Best	
McWilliams, Luke H.	Mr. & Mrs. George McWilliams, II	July 25, 1948
Best, David G.	Rev. & Mrs. Charles W. Best	May 30, 1949
O'Keefe, Robert H.	Mr. & Mrs. Robert O'Keefe	September 8, 1948
Leidy, Connie E.	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Leidy	October 8, 1948
Zimmers, Jacob F., Jr.	Mr. & Mrs. Jacob F. Zimmers	March 6, 1949
Behrer, Donald L.	Mr. & Mrs. Chester Behrer	July 10, 1935
Powley, Ruth E.	Mr. & Mrs. John Powley	November 5, 1948
Strayer, John R.	Mr. & Mrs. John Strayer	October 27, 1947
Bresler, Scott E.	Mr. & Mrs. Roy Bresler	September 7, 1948
Behrer, Sheryl M.	Mr. & Mrs. Derwood Behrer	January 21, 1950

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Parents' Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>
Johnston, David McW.	Mr. & Mrs. Alex Johnston	April 3, 1950
Ellenberger, Ned B.	Mr. & Mrs. Lee Ellenberger	January 26, 1950
Strayer, Jeannie M.	Mr. & Mrs. John Strayer	August 14, 1950
Johnston, Oscar	Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Johnston	
Latham, Janice M.	Mr. & Mrs. Roger Latham	
Latham, Roger E.	Mr. & Mrs. Roger Latham	
Martin, James C.	Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Martin	February 6, 1951
Davis, Edna	Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Davis	
Houck, Ellen	Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Houck	
O'Keefe, Ruth A.	Mr. & Mrs. Robert O'Keefe	December 13, 1950
Poust, Wayne R.	Mr. & Mrs. Randall Poust	July 26, 1947
Best, JoAnn	Rev. & Mrs. Charles W. Best	April 9, 1952
Behrer, Sheldon D.	Mr. & Mrs. Derwood Behrer	October 25, 1952
Bailey, Linda M.	Mr. & Mrs. Harry Bailey	January 22, 1952
O'Keefe, Micharel W.	Mr. & Mrs. Robert O'Keefe	September 13, 1952
Lake, Lois E.	Mr. & Mrs. James Lake	March 23, 1953
Taylor William E.	Mr. & Mrs. William Taylor	June 7, 1952
Johnston, George	Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Johnston	
Behrer, Michael A.	Mr. & Mrs. John C. Behrer	February 20, 1954
McWilliams, Lester G.	Mr. & Mrs. Paul McWilliams, Jr.	December 11, 1953
Rudy, Barry W.	Mr. & Mrs. John Rudy	August 2, 1944
Behrer, Kathy, E.	Mr. & Mrs. Warren M. Behrer	April 18, 1954
Woomer, Roger L.	Mr. & Mrs. John Woomer	December 5, 1953
Kocher, Robert A.	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kocher	March 3, 1954
Poust, Ronald E.	Mr. & Mrs. Fred Poust	July 29, 1952
Ellenberger, Mark E.	Mr. & Mrs. Lee Ellenberger	December 13, 1953
Lake, Earl D.	Mr. & Mrs. James Lake	April 22, 1954
Harpster, Deborah K.	Mr. & Mrs. George Harpster	July 24, 1954
Harris, William P.	Mr. & Mrs. William Harris	March 31, 1954
O'Keefe, Christine C.	Mr. & Mrs. Robert O'Keefe	November 28, 1954
Peterson, Leroy W.	Mr. & Mrs. Roy E. Peterson, Jr.	June 15, 1955
Behrer, Ruth A.	Mr. & Mrs. John C. Behrer	April 6, 1956
Woomer, Anita A.	Mr. & Mrs. John Woomer	November 4, 1955
McWilliams, Timothy A.	Mr. & Mrs. Paul McWilliams, Jr.	September 14, 1955
Lawrence, Michael A.	Dr. & Mrs. Kendrick Lawrence	December 23, 1956
Oliver, Grace A.	Mr. & Mrs. James S. Oliver, Jr.	January 24, 1957
Baney, Sara		
Heichel, James		
Behrer, Kathy	Mr. & Mrs. Warren Merle Behrer	April 18, 1954
Taylor, Stephen		
Houck, Carolyn	Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Houck	
Kocher, Kathleen	Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Kocher	
Lake, Lucy J.	Mr. & Mrs. James Lake	September 14, 1957
Behrer, Nancy	Mr. & Mrs. John C. Behrer	May 7, 1958
Oliver, Linda L.	Mr. & Mrs. James S. Oliver, Jr.	
Baney, Vida R.	Mr. & Mrs. James Baney	February 20,
Houck, Vaughn I.	Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Houck	February 24, 1959
Peterson, Rodney L.	Mr. & Mrs. Roy Peterson	January 21, 1959
Judy, Robert E.	Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Judy	
Houck, Mary L.	Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Houck	
Woomer, Edmund S.	Mr. & Mrs. John Woomer	November 29, 1957

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Parents' Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>
Woomer, Jay A.	Mr. & Mrs. John Woomer	February 25, 1959
Tressler, Leeann R.	Mrs. Sally Tressler	January 15, 1959
Reed, Karen L.	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Reed	February 3, 1960
Oliver, Timothy S.	Mr. & Mrs. James S. Oliver, Jr.	
Behrer, Thomas E.	Mr. & Mrs. John C. Behrer	November 19, 1960
Peterson, James C., Jr.	Mr. & Mrs. James C. Peterson	December 30, 1960
Houck, Brian A.	Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Houck	May 26, 1961
Carper, Judy N.	Mr. & Mrs. Earl Carper	October 22, 1961
Ingle, Allan B., Jr.	Mr. & Mrs. Allen Ingle	
Bresler, Stephen	Mr. & Mrs. Roy Bresler	February 20, 1957
Kocher, Merle	Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Kocher	
Kocher, Margaret	Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Kocher	
Suetterlein, Peter		
Houck, Thomas	Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Houck	
Henry, Charles		
Davis, Wesley	Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Davis	
Watters, John		
Henry, John		
Watters, Timothy		
Watters, Mary J.		
Dean, Brian		
Ferner, Kevin		
Peterson, Ricky		
Rossman, Kristen		
Kreig, Heidi		
Showalter, Matthew		
Lake, George III		
Kocher, Samatha		
Steele, Matthew		
Loncher, Kelly		
Kocher, Adam		
Horne, Jason		
Black, Andrew	Mr. & Mrs. John Black	August 12
Henry, Jessica		
Jackson, Larissa	Mr. & Mrs. Frank Jackson	
Bresler, Jordon	Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Bresler	September 13, 1991
Bresler, Daniella	Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Bresler	June 22, 1993
Drake, Marysa		
Chris Cameron Oliver	Robert & Carol Oliver	October 30, 1962
Patricia Ann Ingle	Allen and Margaret Ingle	March 5, 1963
Jody Michele Campbell	Bernard & Dolores Campbell	May 16, 1963
Douglas Paul Reed	Paul & Kay Reed	April 22, 1963
Beverly Jo Smith	Robert & Sharon Smith	August 6, 1963
Edward Clark Carper	Earl Leroy & Mary Catherine Carper	July 27, 1963
Scott Robert Keller	Robert S. & Lulu (Meek) Keller	January 29, 1960
Linda Jean Keller	Robert S. & Lulu (Meek) Keller	November 27, 1962
Rena Annette Houck	Glenn & Lucille (Johnson) Houck	February 5, 1964
Daniel George Ingle	Allen Bryan & Margaret (Lake) Ingle	May 18, 1964
Robert Scott Keller	adult	February 5, 1930
Larry Wayne Woomer	John E. & Marjorie Woomer	August 28, 1964

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Debra Ann Peterson	James C. & Patricia R. Peterson	October 16, 1964
Robin Ella Oliver	Robert N. & Carol Oliver	May 20, 1964
James Earl Harper	Dean & Joan Harper	August 7, 1965
Lorne Grant Houck	Glenn & Lucille (Johnston)	November 10, 1965
Ronald Earl Carper	Earl Leroy & Mary Catherine Carper	May 10, 1966
Karen Louise Harper	Dean & Joan Harper	December 27, 1966
David Ralph Keller	Robert & Lulu (Meek) Keller	July 31, 1966
Gregory John Ferner	John & Louise (Lake) Ferner	January 23, 1967
Joel Claude Clever	Charles & Kay Clever	November 15, 1967
David Allen Smith	Robert & Sharon Smith	January 20, 1968
Nadine Jenny Houck	Glenn & Lucille (Johnson) Houck	Jan 14, 1968
Kevin Roy Peterson	James & Patricia (Reese) Peterson	July 27, 1967
Janet Le Houck	Herbert & Jane (Wagner) Houck	September 5, 1968
Susan Isabelle Behrer	John C. & Bernice (Rider) Behrer	January 4, 1969
Robert Edward Grenoble	Doyle & Mary (Auman) Grenoble	October 24, 1968
Connie Louise Dillon	Randolph & Carol Dillon	January 2, 1969
Michele Linn King	Myrtle (Heichel & Edwin King	September 2, 1972
Julie Ann Heichel	John & Anita (Woomer) Heichel	September 7, 1973
Herbert Johnston Houck	Herbert and Jane (Wagner) Houck	February 17, 1974
Laura Jean Lake	George III and Christy (Snyder) Lake	January 2, 1975
Matthew Earl Lake	Earl and Janet (Henderson) Lake	March 21, 1975
John Edward Heichel, Jr.	John and Anita (Woomer) Heichel	June 22, 1975
Kevin S. Bresler	Mr. & Mrs. Scott Bresler	September 6, 1975
Laura A. Bresler	Mr. & Mrs. Scott Bresler	December 5, 1976
Scott Robert Judy	Robert and Carol Judy	May 29, 1970
Carrie Anne Judy	Robert and Carol Judy	December 25, 1975
Tammi Jane Johnson	Elaine (Powley) and Clark Johnson, Jr.	February 16, 1974
Tara Jeanne Rossman	Bonnie (Betz) & Eugene C. Rossman	April 15, 1976
Mitzi Ann Summers	Sheryl (Behrer) & Leslie A. Summers	April 19, 1976
David Douglas Lake	Janet (Henderson) & Earl Lake	May 24, 1977
Allen Michael Behrer	Linda (Lockhoff) & Michael Behrer	September 14, 1977
Angela Dawn Heichel	James & Irene (Wilson) Heichel	March 3, 1976
Joshua Dale Bresler	Dale & Saralee (Weintraub) Bresler	March 20, 1978
Chad Allen Heichel	James & Irene Heichel	February 15, 1980
Megan Leigh King	Myrtle (Heichel) and Edwin A. King, II	January 5, 1980
Krista Lin Behrer	Michael A. & Linda (Lockoff) Behrer	February 8, 1980
Natalie Belle Bresler	Sara (Weintrob) & Dale T. Bresler	March 1, 1980
Jana Lorraine Rossman	Bonnie Jean (Betz) & Eugene Rossman	April 24, 1979
Jennifer Marie Kocher	Harry & Helen (Barth) Kocher	July 28, 1981
George Christopher Lake IV	George III & Christina J. (Snyder) Lake	March 10, 1977
Aaron Joseph Lake	George III & Christina J. (Snyder) Lake	October 29, 1980
Erin Michele Burns	David L. & Joyce A. (Hileman) Burns	November 29, 1979
Evan Marshall Bresler	Dale T. & Saralee (Weintrob) Bresler	June 10, 1983
David Eugene Williams	David E. & Patricia Ann (McKinney) Williams	June 29, 1983
Alyssa Marie Burns	David L. & Joyce A. (Hileman) Burns	April 19, 1984
Amber Marie Behrer	Michael & Linda Behrer	June 28, 1985
Paige Elisabeth Crow	David & Kimberly Crow	June 24, 1987
Tiffany Love Williams	David E. & Patricia Ann (McKinney) Williams	March 7, 1988
Gabriel David Crow	David & Kimberly Crow	November 29, 1989



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Andrew Whitaker Black  
Tess Adele Crow  
Kyle Edwin Raabe  
Victoria Grace Bresler  
Park Ray  
Robert W. Behrer  
Donna Jean Davis  
Edna Belle Davis  
Kathy June Gunsallus  
Dorothy Ellen Houck  
Mary Ann Paul  
Victoria L. James  
Mary Elizabeth Hoffman  
Thomas Alvin Houck  
Carol Ann Judy

Judith and John Black  
David and Kimberly Crow  
Michelle and James Raabe  
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Bresler

August 12, 1982  
June 23, 1992  
May 9, 1995  
April 21, 1997



## The Elders of Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Ordination Date</u>	<u>Installed Date</u>	<u>Record of Service</u>
Adam Rankin	June, 1844		Died Nov. 29, 1882
William Riley	Oct. 25, 1847		Died Jan. 10, 1877
Christopher Wigton	Oct. 25, 1847		Sept. 27, 1864
John Gardner	Nov. 6, 1848		Died March 10, 1874
John Stalker		June 23, 1861	Died Aug. 23, 1865
Wm. Bruce Johnston	June 23, 1861		Died Aug 12, 1886
Wm. B. McWilliams	June 23, 1861		
Washington Reynolds	Nov. 17, 1867		
Samuel Wigton	Nov. 17, 1867		Died May 3, 1886
D.M. Thompson	Oct. 17, 1875		Ceased to act Oct. 7, 1887
Dr. J. C. Van Treis	Oct.. 17, 1875		
John Melville Wigton	June 19, 1887		Died Nov. 10, 1928
Alexander B. Ewing	June 19, 1887		
Warren S. Ward	May 17, 1908		Died Dec. 3, 1936
George T. McWilliams	May 17, 1908		Died Oct. 31, 1950
Denton S. Peterson	Nov. 25, 1923		Nov. 25, 1923 to July 11, 1948
J. Harry McCracken	Nov. 25, 1923		Ceased to act July 11, 1948
James S. Oliver, Sr.	Mar. 13, 1938		Mar. 13, 1938 to Jan. 1, 1958
			Died Dec. 20, 1968
Robert W. Reed	Mar. 13, 1938		Mar. 13, 1938 to 1/6?; Died June 26, 1962
E.D. Isenberg	Mar. 13, 1938		Died July 15, 1938
J. Maxwell Ward	Feb. 12, 1950		Feb. 12, 1950 to Jan. 1962; Died 1968
George C. Lake	Feb. 12, 1950		Feb. 12, 1950 to Jan. 1962
Alexander Johnston	Feb 12, 1950		Feb. 12, 1950 to Jan. 1960; Died 1966
John C. Behrer	Jan. 20, 1957		Jan. 20, 1957 to Jan. 1960
Robert J. Wigton	Jan. 1958		Jan. 1958 to Jan. 1961
William Edgar Artman	Jan. 24, 1960		Nov. 24, 1960 to Jan. 1963
James S. Oliver, Jr.	Jan. 24, 1960		Jan. 24, 1960 to Jan. 1963
Oliver R. Lake	Jan. 1961		Jan. 1961 to Jan. 1964
Willis Schilling	Jan. 1961		Jan. 1961 to Jan. 1964
Robert J. Wigton	Jan. 1962		Jan. 1962 to Jan. 1965
Robert W. Reed	Jan. 1962		Jan. 1962 to (Died June 26, 1962)
Lee Ellenberger	Jan. 1963		Jan. 1963 to Jan. 1968
Alvin Houck	Jan. 1963		Jan. 1963 to Jan. 1968
Chester W. Behrer	Jan. 1963		Jan. 1963 to Jan. 1965
Robert N. Oliver	Feb. 1964		Feb. 1964 to Jan. 1967
George C. Lake			Feb. 1964 to Jan. 1967
Chester W. Behrer		Jan. 1965	Jan. 1965 to Jan. 1968
J. Maxwell Ward		Jan. 1965	Jan. 1965 to Jan. 1968
John C. Behrer		Jan. 1966	Jan. 1966 to Jan. 1968
Doyle Grenoble	Jan. 1966		Jan. 1966 to Jan. 1969
Lee Ellenberger		Jan. 1967	Died Nov. 22, 1971
Earl Homer	Jan. 1967		
Bernard Campbell	Jan. 1968	Same	Served 1 year (Moved to Altoona)
Albert Marshall	Jan. 1968	Same	
Robert N. Oliver		Jan. 12, 1969	
Alvin Houck		Jan. 12, 1969	
George C. Lake		Jan. 12, 1969	
James Lake	Jan. 18, 1970		
Barbara Ray	Jan. 24, 1971		Jan 1971 to Jan. 1974
Robert Judy	Jan. 14, 1973		Jan. 1973 to Jan. 1976
Dale Bresler	Jan. 16, 1972		Jan. 1972 to Jan. 1975

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Doyle Grenoble		Jan. 24, 1970	Jan. 1971 to Jan. 1974
Robert Oliver		Jan. 1972	Jan. 1972 to Jan. 1975
Alvin Houck		Jan. 1973	Jan. 1973 to Jan. 1976
James Lake		Jan. 27 1974	Jan. 1974 to Jan. 1977
John Behrer		Jan 27, 1974	Jan. 1974 to Jan. 1977
Randall Poust	Jan. 25, 1976	same	Jan. 1975 to Jan. 1978
Robert Oliver		Jan. 25, 1975	Jan. 1975 to Jan. 1978/Jan. 1980-Jan. 1983
Doyle Grenoble		Jan. 23, 1977	Jan. 1977 to Jan. 1980
Robert Judy		Jan. 23, 1977	Jan. 1977 to Jan. 1980
Helen Henderson	Jan. 14, 1979	Jan. 14, 1979	Jan. 1979 to Jan. 1982
George Lake		Jan. 14, 1979	Jan. 1979 to Jan. 1982
Ida W. Bresler (Mrs. Roy)	Jan. 20, 1980	Jan. 20, 1980	Jan. 1980 to Jan. 1983/Jan. 1983-Jan. 1986
Elizabeth (Oliver) Lake	Jan. 4, 1981	Jan. 4, 1981	Jan. 1981 to Jan. 1984
Robert N. Oliver		Jan. 25, 1981	Jan. 1981 to Jan. 1984
John C. Behrer		Jan. 1978	Jan. 1978 to Jan. 1981
Barbara Ray		Jan. 1978	Jan. 1978 to Jan. 1981
John C. Behrer		Jan. 10, 1982	Jan. 1982 to Jan. 1985
Marjorie Allison Wertz	April 18, 1982	April 18, 1982	Jan. 1982 to Jan. 1985 (To fill unexpired term of Doyle Grenoble Jan. 1 1983-Dec. 31, 1985)
Dale Bresler	Jan. 16, 1972	July 18, 1982	July 18, 1982 to Jan. 1, 1983
Janet Lake (Mrs. Earl)	Jan. 8, 1984	Jan. 8, 1984	Class of 1986
Robert Judy	Jan. 14, 1973	Jan. 8, 1984	Class of 1986
John C. Behrer	Jan. 20, 1957	Jan. 6, 1985	Class of 1987
Marjorie Allison Wertz	April 18, 1982	Jan. 6, 1985	Class of 1987
Christina Lake	Jan. 5, 1986	Jan. 5, 1986	Class of 1988
Edwin King	Jan. 5, 1986	Jan. 5, 1986	Class of 1988
Janet Lake (Mrs. Earl)	Jan. 4, 1984	Jan. 4, 1987	Class of 1989
Edward Newlin	Jan. 4, 1987	Jan. 4, 1987	Class of 1989
Saralee Bresler (Mrs. Dale)	Jan. 17, 1988	Jan. 17, 1988	Class of 1990
Jeffrey Henderson	Jan. 17, 1988	Jan. 17, 1988	Class of 1990
Lucy Jean Lake	Feb. 5, 1989	Feb. 5, 1989	Class of 1991
David Lee Burns	Feb. 5, 1989	Feb. 5, 1989	Class of 1991
John C. Behrer	Jan. 20, 1957	Jan. 28, 1990	Class of 1992
Lucille Houck (Mrs. Glenn)	Jan. 28, 1990	Jan. 28, 1990	Class of 1992
Michael Behrer	Jan. 27, 1991	Jan. 27, 1991	Class of 1993
Elizabeth Oliver Lake	Jan. 4, 1981	Jan. 27, 1991	Class of 1993
Elna Hanly	Jan. 12, 1992	Jan. 12, 1992	Class of 1994
Edwin King	Jan. 5, 1986	Jan. 19, 1992	Class of 1994
Elizabeth Oliver Lake	Jan. 4, 1986	Jan. 9, 1994	Class of 1996
Edward Newlin	Jan. 4, 1987	Jan. 9, 1994	Class of 1996
John C. Behrer	Jan. 20, 1957	Jan. 10, 1993	Class of 1995
Lucille Houck (Mrs. Glenn)	Jan. 28, 1990	Jan. 10, 1993	Class of 1995
Nellie Jane Behrer Baney	Jan. 1, 1995	Jan. 1, 1995	Class of 1997
John Borders	Oct. 5, 1986	Jan. 1, 1995	Class of 1997
Peggy Kendall		Jan. 21, 1996	Class of 1998
Dale Bresler	Jan. 16, 1972	Jan. 21, 1996	Class of 1998
Lucille Houck	Jan. 28, 1990	Jan. 19, 1997	Class of 1999
Robert N. Oliver	Feb. 1964	Jan. 19, 1997	Class of 1999
KenRudy	Dec. 21, 1997	Jan. 19, 1997	Class of 2000

## The Deacons of Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Ordination Date</u>	<u>Installed Date</u>	<u>Record of Service</u>
Dale Bresler	Jan. 23, 1977	Jan. 23, 1977	Jan. 1977 to Jan. 1978
Carol Judy (Mrs. Robert)	Jan. 23, 1977	Jan. 23, 1977	Jan. 1977 to Jan. 1978
Michael Behrer	Jan. 23, 1977	Jan. 23, 1977	Jan. 1977 to Jan. 1979
David Kling	Jan. 23, 1977	Jan. 23, 1977	Jan. 1977 to Jan. 1979
Jane Baney (Mrs. James)	Jan. 23, 1977	Jan. 23, 1977	Jan. 1977 to Jan. 1980
Gladys Ellenberger	Jan. 23, 1977	Jan. 23, 1977	Jan. 1977 to Jan. 1980
Marjorie Wertz ( Mrs. Harold)	Sept. 24, 1978	Sept. 24, 1978	Sept. 1978 to 1981
Edwin A. King	Jan. 14, 1979	Jan. 14, 1979	Jan. 1979 to 1982
Lu Keller (Mrs. Robert)	Jan. 4, 1981	Jan. 4, 1981	Jan. 1981 to 1984
Michael A. Behrer		Jan. 25, 1981	Jan. 1981 to 1984
Bernice R. Behrer	Jan. 1980	Jan. 1980	Jan. 1980 to 1983
Janet H. Lake	Jan. 1980	Jan. 1980	Jan. 1980 to 1983
Edwin King	Re-elected		Jan. 1982 to 1985
Lucille Houck	Jan. 10, 1982	Jan. 10, 1982	Jan. 1982 to 1985
Kirk Warren Behrer	Jan. 2 1982	Jan. 2, 1983	Jan. 1, 1983 to Dec. 31, 1985
Nancy Jane Behrer	Jan. 2, 1983	Jan. 2, 1983	Jan. 1, 1983 to Dec. 31, 1985
Judy Carper	Jan. 8, 1984	Jan. 8, 1984	Class of 1986 (Resigned June 1985)
Relda Newlin (Mrs. Ned)	Jan. 8, 1984	Jan. 8, 1984	Class of 1986
Lucy Jean Lake	Jan. 6, 1985	Jan. 6, 1985	Class of 1987
David Lee Burns	Jan. 6, 1985	Jan. 6, 1985	Class to 1987 (To fill unexpired term of Judy Carper)
Barbara Ann Henry	Sept. 1, 1985	Sept. 1, 1985	Class of 1986
Eleanor C. Rudy	Jan. 5, 1986	Jan. 5, 1986	Class of 1988
Edward Clark Carper	Jan. 5, 1986	Jan. 5, 1986	Class of 1988 (Resigned Oct. 1987)
Carol Judy (Mrs. Robert)	Jan. 23, 1977	Jan. 4, 1987	Class of 1989
Glenn Houck	Jan. 4, 1987	Jan. 4, 1987	Class of 1989
Ronald Earl Carper	Jan. 17, 1988	Jan. 17, 1988	Class of 1988 (To fill unexpired term of Edward Carper)
Jane Baney	Jan. 23, 1977	Jan. 17, 1988	Class of 1990
Bernice R. Behrer	Jan. 1980	Jan. 17, 1988	Class of 1990
Douglas Brian Beegle	Feb. 5, 1989	Feb. 5, 1989	Class of 1991 (Resigned Jan. 1990)
Elna Hanly	Feb. 5, 1989	Feb. 5, 1989	Class of 1991 (To fill unexpired term of Douglas Beegle)
Lu Keller (Mrs. Robert)	Jan. 4, 1981	Jan. 28, 1990	Class of 1991
Eleanor C. Rudy	Jan. 5, 1986	Jan. 28, 1990	Class of 1992
Earl Lake	Jan. 28, 1990	Jan. 28, 1990	Class of 1992
Jane Baney	Jan. 23, 1977	Jan. 27, 1991	Class of 1993
Myrtle Heichel King	Jan. 27, 1991	Jan. 27, 1991	Class of 1994
William Gorman	Jan. 12, 1992	Jan. 12, 1992	Class of 1994
Gladys Ellenberger	Jan. 23, 1977	Jan. 12, 1992	Class of 1994
Eleanor C. Rudy	Jan. 5, 1986	Jan. 10, 1993	Class of 1995
Jean Boyd	Jan. 10, 1993	Jan. 10, 1993	Class of 1995
Myrtle Heichel King	Jan. 27, 1991	Jan. 9, 1994	Class of 1996
Relda Newlin	Jan. 8, 1984	Jan. 1, 1995	Class of 1996
Roe Cunningham	Jan. 1, 1995	Jan. 1, 1995	Class of 1997
James Edwin Raabe	Jan. 1, 1995	Jan. 1, 1995	Class of 1997
Jean Boyd	Jan. 10, 1993	Jan. 21, 1996	Class of 1998
Mary Catherine Carper	Jan. 21, 1996	Jan. 21, 1996	Class of 1998
Judith Black	Jan. 19, 1997	Jan. 19, 1997	Class of 1999
Georgia Woomer Schell	Jan. 19, 1997	Jan. 19, 1997	Class of 1999
Gladys Ellenberger	Jan. 23, 1997	Dec. 21, 1997	Class of 2000

## Clerks of Session and Excerpts from their Records

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*The following list of past Clerks of Session includes some of the events recorded during their tenure in office.*

### 1874 - G. W. Reynolds (14 years)

- (1) January 25, 1874 - Mr. J. M. Goheen was recommended to the Board of Education for aid to the amount of \$50.00 for the current year.
- (2) January 31, 1874 - Mrs. Nancy Black appeared and having been examined with respect to the father of her youngest child having given a statement in relation to the matter satisfactory to the session. Therefore the session believing the child to have been conceived in wedlock find no ground of complaint.
- (3) August 29, 1874 - Public rumor having charged J.G. Patterson with having been intoxicated on or about the Fourth of July. W.B. McWilliams was constituted a committee to ascertain if evidence could be found to confirm the rumour and also to visit other members of the church charged by public rumour with having been at and engaged in the dance or dances held at Pine Grove on the Fourth of July and afterwards.
- (4) October 4, 1875 - A congregational meeting was held when it was decided by a majority of the votes of the congregation to continue the present system in the eldership, that is, the life tenure system, for the present.
- (5) September 14, 1884 - Permission was given to the Women's Christian Temperance Union to hold a Temperance Meeting in the church at Pennsylvania Furnace, Friday evening.
- (6) June 12, 1885 - Whereas Mr. George W. Reynolds has been Clerk of Session for the past fourteen years and on account of advancing age wishes to be relieved of its duties. Therefore resolved that in accepting his resignation we bear testimony to his faithfulness in the discharge of his clerical duties in general and the promptness, neatness and accuracy with which the records have been kept.

### 1886-1888 - J.C. Kelly, Pastor, served as Moderator and Clerk.

### 1889 - John M. Wigton (37 years)

- (1) November 15, 1890 - The Pastor then announced to the session that it seemed to him to be the leading of God's Providence that he should now ask Presbytery for leave to resign the pastoral charge of this congregation and that it was his purpose to make this announcement from the pulpit to the congregation tomorrow. The session expressed their friendly feelings for their "Pastor" and their unfeigned regret that the present happy relation should be sundered, but in view of his having accepted a call from the church of Williamsburg concluded they would offer no objections to the acceptance of his resignation.
- (2) November 24, 1895 - Session met before Irvin Service: This Church at Baileyville having been repainted and all fixed up, in the new and all paid for, it was decided to dedicate to the Lord, Mr. Kelly being present gave us a beautiful sermon and counted it one of the greatest pleasures of his life to be able to come back and take part on such an occasion.
- (3) October 1, 1898 - Wife, and congregation member, met with the session according to previous citation and having expressed her sorrow and repentance for her sins was admonished in the kindest spirit by the Pastor, and she having expressed her purpose to live for Christ, was restored to the fellowship of the Church.
- (4) April, 1920 - A congregational meeting was held after service Sunday, April 4, to decide what answer to return Presbytery in the matter of raising another \$100.00 for the Pastor's salary. Dr. Campbell acted as Moderator, Mr. W. E. McWilliams as Clerk, Presbytery urged us to raise \$100.00, and they would give us \$100.00 in order to make the salary \$1200.00. After some remarks on the present conditions in the congregation a motion was moved and seconded to send Presbytery a negative answer.
- (5) October 23, 1921 - This Sabbath being the last of Dr. Campbell's Pastorate in the Spruce Creek Church for 19 years, was marked by some special features. It was a most beautiful October day outside the old church; and the church auditorium was beautifully decorated. The Church was filled with a splendid congregation and special music was part of the service.
- (6) March 11, 1923 - It was decided after discussing the "every member" canvass and benevolence of the Church, to give the members an opportunity to pledge an amount for the year, but a house to house visitation was not at this time deemed necessary.

### 1926 - Denton Peterson (24 years)

- (1) May 25, 1928 - The Pastor read a communication from the Anti-Saloon League asking for a date so that their representative might present the cause of temperance to the congregation.
- (2) March 23, 1930 - Moved, seconded and carried that the church treasurer be instructed to pay fifty (50) dollars

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to each of these worthy objects: "The Lord's Day Alliance" and "The American Bible Society."

- (3) March 15, 1936 - Rev. S. R. Brown read a request from the trustees of the Presbyterian Home at Holidaysburg, that the session appoint a lady of this congregation to sit in the meeting of the trustees of the home. It was properly moved, seconded and carried that Miss Mary Gardner be named for this position.
- (4) April 18, 1943 - J.H. M. Cracken moved that the session recommend that Alfred Edwin Behrer, a member of the Spruce Creek Church all his life, be taken under the care of Huntingdon Presbytery, as candidate for the gospel ministry.
- (5) March 21, 1948 - Rev. Charles Best preached a trial sermon. J.M. Ward reported the vote was 68 'yes' and 11 'no'. A motion was made to make the call unanimous, seconded, and carried. Dr. S.L. Lake then asked the congregation to give the trustees the authority to sell the manse, the money to be used to build a more suitable manse.

### 1950--George C. Lake (12 years)

- (1) January 29, 1951 - A motion by Max Ward that the young people have permission to use the church social room on February 21 for a spoon supper. Seconded by Alex Johnston and carried.
- (2) April 6, 1952 - A motion by Alex Johnston, seconded by Max Ward carried that we give permission to the seniors of the Warriors Mark-Franklin School to hold the Baccalaureate Exercises in our Presbyterian Church.
- (3) June 3, 1956 - A motion by Reed, seconded by Johnston, carried, that we pay the Princeton supplies according to the Princeton request, namely \$25.00 for speaking plus 6 cents a mile for traveling expenses.
- (4) April 16, 1958 - A motion by Max Ward, seconded by R.J. Wigton, carried, that we give trustees permission to dispose of chicken coop on manse property.
- (5) August 17, 1960 - A motion by M. Ward, seconded by Artman, that we have a cork bulletin board in the front hallway.
- (6) June 2, 1961 - Motion by J.S. Oliver, Jr. seconded by O.R. Lake, carried, that Susan Pekruhn have use of Church for wedding, June 24, 1961.

### 1962--Robert W. Reed (4 months)

### 1962 --William Edgar Artman (6 months)

- (1) June 2, 1963 - Gladys Ellenberger and Jane Johnston appeared before the session on behalf of the Daughters of Spruce Creek Missionary Society to present the proposition that they be greeters at the door of the Church to meet strangers attending services.

### 1963--Lee Ellenberger (7 years)

- (1) September 3, 1963 - The children of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Johnston gave the session \$6.50 (from the sale of sweet corn). This money was given to the U.P.Y. to be used in their project of supporting a foreign child.
- (2) December 17, 1963 - Nellie Jane Baney will be asked to keep the cradle roll.
- (3) February 16, 1966 - Motion by John Behrer, seconded by Doyle Grenoble, carried, for the women to form an association in the Church.
- (4) April 5, 1968 - The session approved a motion to use "Home Talent" to fill the pulpit while the Pastor is on vacation.
- (5) January 10, 1969 - Mr. Doyle Grenoble made a motion that we purchase and install new pews in the sanctuary. The motion was seconded by John Lake. After a time of discussion a vote was taken by ballot. Election returns were: 26 'yes' and 14 'no.'
- (6) September 8, 1969 - Mr. Robert Oliver was elected chairman for the Presbyterian Home Fund Drive. by motion of Houck and seconded by Ellenberger.

### 1970--John C. Behrer (14 years)

- (1) October 14, 1970 - One hundred three people partook Communion on October 4.
- (2) April 13, 1971 - Motion that we begin the use of disposable Communion cups. Voted: to approve.
- (3) February 2, 1976 - Motion that an Easter breakfast sponsored by the Women's Association be set for Easter Sunday, 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. Voted: to approve.
- (4) July 19, 1976 - Motion that the session authorize the Women's Association to paint the "blue room" green.



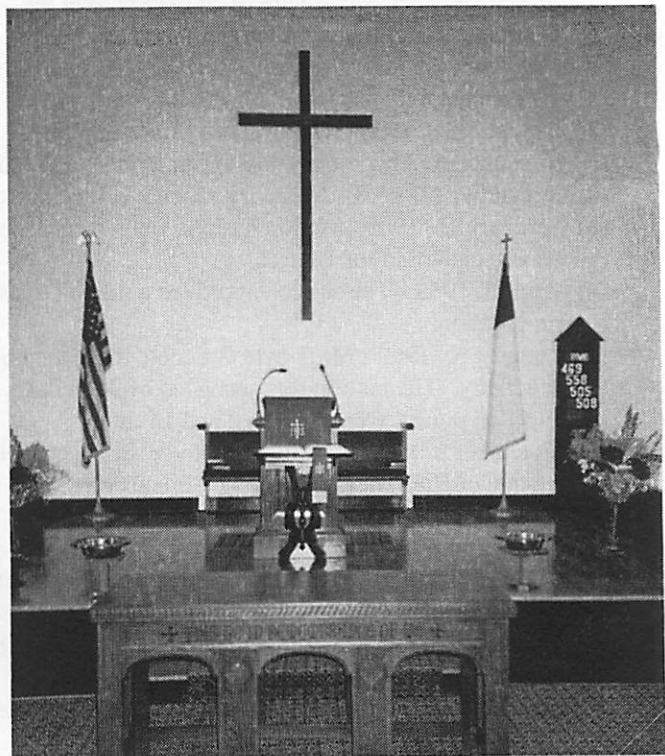
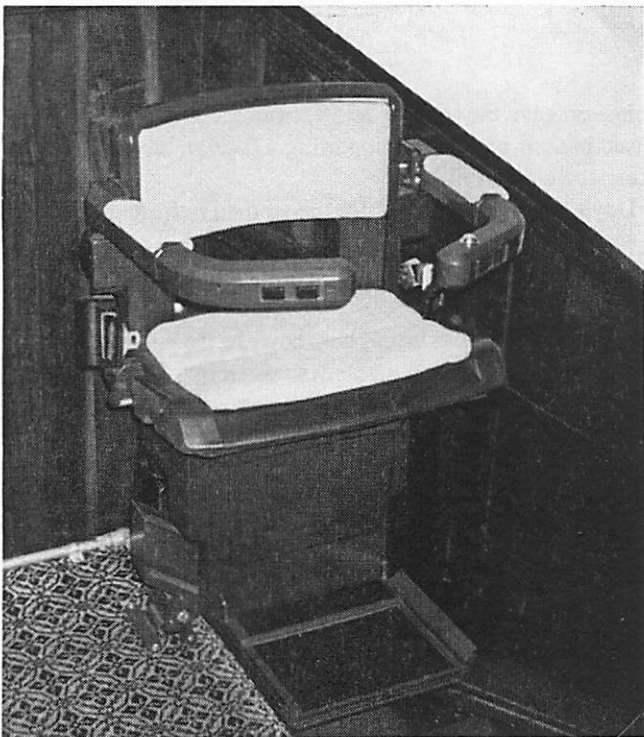
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- (5) October 10, 1976 - A special congregational meeting was held following the morning worship service to establish a board of deacons to begin service January 1977. A motion was made to establish a six member Board of Deacons, to be divided into three classes of two members each. Voted: to approve.
- (6) February 7, 1977 - Motion that the candles on the communion table be lighted during worship services. Voted: to approve.
- (7) November 5, 1979 - Motion to hang the "women's purpose" on the north wall of the Sunday School room. Voted: to approve.
- (8) April 5, 1982 - Motion to have a telephone installed in the church. Voted: to approve.
- (9) June 6, 1983 - It was noted that the Rev. Donald McIlvride having completed the prescribed courses at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and having written a thesis entitled "Interpreting the Meaning of Work's Biblical and Theological Reflections by Members of Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church" had conferred upon him the degree "Doctor of Ministry" on May 24, 1983.

1984--Elizabeth O. Lake (1984-present)

- (1) May 6, 1985 - Motion that an exercise class may be held at the Church as interest dictates. The schedule to be determined. Voted: to approve.
- (2) June 2, 1986 - Motion to form Elder/Deacon teams for pastoral oversight of members. Voted: to approve.
- (3) June 6, 1988 - Motion to rescind the motion approved April 4, 1988 found on page 11 of the minute book to celebrate the 200th anniversary of our congregation on September 10 and 11, 1988. Vote: to approve. Research indicates that the church was not officially organized until 1798.
- (4) March 11, 1990 - Motion to give permission to the Aqua Penn Water Company to pave the east parking lot with a written understanding that they will maintain it. Voted: to approve.
- (5) April 22, 1990 - Motion to approve the paving of the parking lot by Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. conditioned upon a suitable contract being signed. Voted: to approve.
- (6) June 30, 1991 - Motion that the former Communion Cloth and Bible Markers from the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church be taken by the Mission Study Journey Team of Huntingdon Presbytery to Pakh 5 Nan, Thailand. Voted: to approve.
- (7) June 30, 1991 - Motion that 12 reversible (red and white) stoles from the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church be taken by the Mission Study Journey Team of Huntingdon Presbytery to the Nan Christian School. Nan. Thailand. Voted: to approve.

Prepared by Elizabeth O. Lake, Present Clerk of Session



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(1830) The following is one of six school essays by **Mary Bailey Goheen** (Margaret Goheen's grandmother and a member of our church) written circa 1830-40. The essays are comments about her home (located in the area of Margaret's home). The original essays show the school teacher's corrections in pencil. In this one she appears to be describing the source of Spruce Creek at Rock Springs, and the ending section is missing. (Mrs. Vore, who bought Margaret's aunt's home and was in charge of M's care, gave the essays to Anne Wagner for the bicentennial celebration.)

### Memories of My Early Childhood

Among my earliest and most pleasant recollections, are those associated with my early mountain home. It was situated in a gap of mountains, and consisted of a few acres of cleared land, entirely surrounded by trees and mountain bushes; on one corner of which was a thriving little orchard, our little log cottage, and other buildings.

At the foot of a little hill, but a few paces from our cottage stood an old log spring house, (which I remember was torn down and replaced by a better one) by the side of which ran a little brook over hung by branches of birch and cedar, and in many places almost hid from view by laurel and other mountain shrubbery. I have never seen the little stream in the upper part of its course or at its source, for I was then too young to venture far up the stream as I was usually alone; but little baby sister being too young to ramble about with me, and my two brothers both much older than I, were generally at school or employed at something about the shop so that during the long summer day when I became weary playing about the house, I was left to wander about the shop (where my father was at work), through the orchard (where I remember of seeing the apple and peach trees hanging with rich fruit or through the woods here. I loved to wander all alone. I have been told that this little stream of which I spoke flowed out of the

mountain side, from beneath large rocks and roots, about a mile and a half, or two miles from the place where I used to stroll up and down through the laurel bushes admiring their beautiful blossoms, and watching the little fish skipping about from rock to rock through the bright clear water. This little stream only continued its course among the mossy stones and through the thicket for about half a mile from that favorite spot, where upon reaching the valley it sank beneath large rocks and was seen no more.

My father by occupation was a tanner. The tannery was situated a short distance from the house; close by that lovely stream from whence water was conveyed through pipes, underground and flowed constantly from a pump, close by the side of the shop; from there it was conveyed through wooden troughs to any point where it was wanted.

Near the shop was a large bark-shed where the bark used for tanning was stored, and ground, not by steam power but by horse power. I fancy I see the old horse circling around, and hear the dry bark crushing as it went through the mill. I was in the habit of spending hours about the shop watching the men at work. I remember how my brothers for their own amusement used to tease me by calling me a little tom-boy. This I did not mind much as long as there were no strangers about to hear them; but . . .

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(1866?) Letter from **Edith Sample** - a descendant of a very early Graysville family - Travis - quoting from a letter written her grandmother describing church at Graysville.

(Mrs. John L. Travis nee Priscilla Madin Williams - My Grandmother Travis' letter to her mother Mary Ann Williams (who married a cousin John Williams) July 17, 1866-69.

She omits the year, but from quote, you will see it was during Dr. Orris' pastorate:

She deplores the writing of the letter on Sunday, but anxious to hear from them "says" she is tempted to speak through the medium of writing," as they are in the midst of cutting grain and are boarding the "hands." Speaks of her dismay over the evidently sudden death of "June Patterson" and concern about her children, but has faith that God will provide for

them "another warning to us to be ready for we know not who God will call next." Speaks of the death the previous Tuesday of her uncle Judge Boal of Boalsburg who was married to her mother's sister, Elizabeth Williams.

She says " Mr. Hills is here, he preached today. His voice sounds very natural from the pulpit. Mr. Orris is going away to rest awhile, he is pretty near given out, he has labored very hard among us for a year, and ought to rest. He expects to be absent about four weeks. He visited our Sabbath School today, the first visit for a good while, we have a very interesting Sabbath School this summer, there are

over eighty scholars; there are not teachers enough, only fourteen. I have eleven or twelve little children in my class, enough for three teachers. I cannot do justice to the children or myself. I feel very incompetent. I am wholly unfit for this great responsibility, training Immortal Souls for Christ, may God give me grace to do my duty in this great

work. I am so much interested. I go every Sabbath, sometimes I feel very unable "but my heart is in the cause and strength will be given me." (*Mary, she died at 49 years of age.*)

In another letter written in 1873 or 74, she speaks of entertaining the Missionary Society that afternoon.

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### History of the Bailey Family

*The author of the following is unknown. This document is from the family papers of the late Margaret Goheen.*

The following pages consist of a faint history of the village of Baileyville, and the early life of the Bailey family. There will be a great many omissions in the way of dates and names. The writer will try, with the help of the Misses Anna Mary and Nora Goheen, and J. Milo Campbell, three of the oldest descendants of the Bailey family now living at Baileyville and the College.

Richard Bailey and his wife Mary Wilson came from North Scotland in the year 1790 and settled in Chester County, Penna. Richard was at that time 55 years old. Their family consisted of seven children, two girls and five boys their names were Mary, Nancy, William, John, Jessie and George and Richard. Nancy died while crossing the ocean, and was buried at sea. Richard Bailey was born in the year 1735 in Scotland, died in his rocking chair at the home of his son George in the year of 1812. The rocking chair now is in the possession Anna Mary and Nora Goheen who live across the creek from the old George Bailey home. The Bailey home is now occupied by their sister-in-law, Mrs. Martha Goheen and daughter Margaret.

Mary, his (Richard's) wife, was born in the year of 1740 and died in 1807. Both were buried in Graysville Cemetery, Huntingdon County, Penna. (On) February 27, 1798 they came up from Chester County, Penna., bought a farm from Henry Drinket, at Rock Spring. Part of the farm later owned by his son, John Bailey, is where Baileyville is located. Later part of the farm was owned by his granddaughter, Nancy Bailey, (who) married Robert Glenn. (It is) now owned by Edward Frank. The original house is still standing. (It is) a beautiful large stone house on the corner, (and was) then called "Bailey Square," on the highway leading to Graysville.

John, son of Richard, (was) born 1768 and died in 1855, married Nancy Carlton, who was born in 1774 and died in 1844. They had fifteen children, one died in infancy, two drowned in the mill race. John

was a prosperous, energetic business man. A great supporter and elder in the Presbyterian church of Graysville. In the early day under the pastorate of Rev. Hill, the church though Presbyterian in name was more like the old Covenanters and Seceders. Adhering to closed communion and using both public and private worship, (and) "Rous's of David Psalms.

The village of Baileyville was owned by John Bailey. The buildings consisted of four large, two-story buildings, a barn with numerous out buildings, a large store (which was) carried on by his son, William. The building is still standing just on the other side of the road from the old mill but now used as a dwelling. A large flour mill operated by his sons, Richard and John 2nd (my grandfather) where they ground all the flour for the surrounding valley. The power for the mill was furnished by water conducted to the mill in races from a large dam. The dam was fed by a stream which had its source from a aspring at a large rock about a mile east from the mill, known as Rock Spring. John also owned a large saw mill, also run by water power, (and) was operated by his brother, Richard. A tannery carried on by his son, George, a school house which stood near the present community hall of Baileyville, a carpenter shop, a blacksmith shop. All these building were situated on the old Bailey farm. The farm was operated by his son, Ephraim.

Such was the home of this large family of children loved and honored by all who knew them, for their staunch adherence to Christian principles, a benefit to church and community. John Bailey and his wife, Nancy Carlton, built the stone house which stood near the mill, which burned to the ground in the early 1940s. John and brother, Richard, built the flour mills which is ruins today. John, my great-grandfather, was a violinist. He kept his violin in the mill office in hiding from the large family. My grandfather, John, 2nd, would sneak into the mill by evening and night to play the violin by crawling up on the mill race and over the water wheel. He was

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able to play quite a number of jigs, hymns, etc., before he was discovered. The later years of John Bailey's life were spent with his son, John and family on their farm on the Glades, who tenderly loved and cared for him during his last years.

Two of these Bailey boys yet in their teens and attending the village school decided to have a little

fun. They advertised a show at the village school "the Appearance and Disappearance of Man." The building was full of spectators. The boys came out on the stage and announced the first act. (The document unexpectedly ends here.)

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(1995) From an unknown newspaper clipping titled "75 years ago".

Almost all Franklinville attended the Baileyville picnic Saturday last. The band from Pine Grove furnished fine music. Three lively ball games took place, one in the morning between Pa. Furnace and Pine Grove, with a 7-0 in favor of Pine Grove; one in the afternoon between Franklinville and Warriors Mark, the score was 7-6 in favor of Franklinville.

This was a close and lively game. The third was played between Pine Grove and Marengo, the score was 2-0 in favor of Pine Grove. The Graysville Presbyterian Church furnished refreshments. Quite a number of people came by auto, vehicle and bus line. The Lewisburg train carried extra coaches.

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### Excerpts from a Diary written by Enid Woomer Peiffer

#### 1936

Sunday, May 9, 1936: Mother's Day. Georgia and I sang a duet from Sunday School. In the evening young people had a nice program. We sang another duet.

Sunday, June 14: Children's Day Service. I played for young people.

Sunday, June 28: While playing the closing song in Sunday School, I stopped for a minute; my hands wouldn't move.

Sunday, July 19: Played organ at Christian Endeavor Meeting. Horrid!

Wednesday, October 14: Harvest Home Service. Georgia and I sang duet, "Whispering Hope."

Sunday, December 20: Played prelude--a medley of Christmas carols for Sunday School Worship service.

#### 1937

Sunday, January 10: Got to Sunday School in time to play piano for worship.

Sunday, June 21, 1937: Children's Day Service. I had all the music to play; a lot of it, too!

Sunday, October 3, 1937: Georgia and I sang a duet for Sunday School.

Sunday, October 10: Today the Sunday School

decided to buy new song books. I am one of the committee to select new books.

Sunday, December 26, 1937: The piano at Sunday School is terrible to play; the pedal is no good. The tone is just chopped off as soon as you lift your fingers from the keys.

#### 1938

Sunday, January 2: Rev. Groendyke dedicated our new song books today.

Tuesday, January 4: Went to church and practiced on the organ. I am to play the rest of the week.

Wednesday, January 5: Practiced on the organ during the day.

Thursday, January 7: We kids all went to church. I played the organ again.

Sunday, January 9: Gee, we sing new songs and am I ever scared till it's over!

Saturday, April 23: Went to church in the evening to practice on the organ. I am to play tomorrow. I positively couldn't make the organ sound right.

Sunday, April 24: Went to church early to practice at the organ for 20 minutes.

The following is a reprint of an article which appeared in *The Daily News* on April 5, 1969.

### *Old Times in Spruce Creek Valley* by **Albert M. Rung**

With the advent of March comes a happy thought that it will soon be time to drive through beautiful country scenes again. Its arrival this year, however, served to remind that the Spruce Creek Valley, so greatly favored on outings in times past, had been somewhat neglected in recent years.

Mild days of early March brought an urge for action in this respect and a suggestion to Guy Neff that we take advantage of them by a visit to the region met with approval, and the trip was soon arranged.

The tourist, in chancing to pass through this region, will undoubtedly be enchanted with the natural charm of the Spruce Creek valley. The visitor in search of history, will also discover that remaining traces of the wide-spread early iron industry, as well as primitive mills that had once operated along the streams, have left an indescribable lustre to the area.

#### **Early Settlers Were Presbyterians**

The majority of the valley's early settlers were Presbyterians, and we learn further from an informative little brochure, "A Historical Sketch of the Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church," written by the late Mrs. Mary Wigton Reeve. The account had been prepared for the sesqui-centennial of the Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church at Graysville in 1938; later revised and reprinted by Mrs. Reeve in 1949, and in the reprint she thus tells from whence the first settlers came:

"These Presbyterians came pouring in from England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Wales, Switzerland, to conquer the wilderness. They entered the Valley by trails across the Tusseys. They used the following trails:--Ewing, Tussey, Brewer, Crain, Montgomery, Hunter Spring, Indian Steps, Colerain, Hunter and Rainbow trails. They came from Penns Valley on the North, and Half Moon on the West. The well known 'Maryland Colony' group came up from Maryland, by way of fording the Juniata at Spruce Creek.

"We must remember that the present Valley highway was not surveyed or built for years afterwards, and that the main road of the Valley ran close to the church, and between it and the Ridge. While we are (in the spirit) at the old and first church, let us wander into the Cemetery where their 'short and simple annals' tell us more of

heartache and bravery than those noble Christians ever dreamed the stones would tell. On the oldest tomb stone, we read: 'Here lies the body of James Armitage, departed this life 1804, aged 84 years.' This James Armitage had a grist mill and lived along the Warriors Mark Run, near the Archie Hutchinson farm. His land warrant seems to be one of the oldest in the township, dated 1776. Much of our data comes from the names and dates on these weather beaten stones. Some of them are just mountain stone, no attempt to change into any formal tomb stone regularity, yet we read clearly R. Ewing, 1827, and another F. Gray, 1827. The stone marking the resting place of Robert McCartney, prominently mentioned in the Sesqui-Centennial pageant has a weeping willow tree carved on it and these words--

"How short is time, our health how frail,  
The scenes of Earth--how soon they fail,  
While life yet blooms, how oft the breath  
Is ground beneath the floods of death."

"We know that he drowned in 1813 attempting to ford Spruce Creek."

#### **Armitage Grave of Special Interest**

The grave of James Armitage has always held especial interest, by reason that his burial is not only the earliest recorded in the cemetery, but that he was the uncle of Caleb Armitage (1737-1832), who was a soldier of the Revolution and the great-great-grandfather of your chronicler. As to the description of Robert McCartney's gravestone with the weeping willow tree carved thereon, recalls a letter that came from Mrs. Reeves years ago, inquiring if we had any knowledge of what the weeping willow signified when so used. Many have undoubtedly noted markers of this design in various cemeteries, but as its meaning remains unknown to this day, we were unable to aid Mrs. Reeves in her query.

We further learn from the brochure: "Ministers preached in the high pulpit of the old log church from 1805 until 1830; in a frame building on the same site until 1858. From then on until the present time, minister and congregation have worshipped in this beautiful stone church, so preserved and tended by loving care, from generation to generation.

#### **Houses Of Worship Were Crude**

From what has been written of those early days

their houses of worship were evidently very crude and poorly constructed affairs. The story of Hart's Log church near Alexandria, organized some years before the Spruce Creek congregation, is generally known. Not having the benefit of a floor we have been told that it was not uncommon to have a snake enter the structure during services at Hart's Log. Whether Spruce Creek had like encounters is not recorded.

But unfortunately, both churches were to meet with dissension among their congregation; Hart's Log during the War of 1812, by reason of the patriotism of its pastor, Rev. John Johnston, being in question, and at Spruce Creek 35 years later, when the manner of conducting church services was debated. Both churches eventually settled their friction and a discussion here is unnecessary.

Still a later brochure relative to the 100th anniversary of the present "Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church" (1858-1958) was published in 1958, which tells that the first edifice was built of logs about 1805. "At first it had no seats," the account states, "The congregation sitting on the sleepers followed by board seats without backs." This led the writer of the brochure to refer to the Historical Sermon of Rev. Joseph Kelly on November 10, 1876 in which he had quoted a member of his congregation that "she remembered her father saying people sat on the sleepers," to which Kelly wittily added that "the sleepers now sit in the pews."

### **Spruce Creek Church Still Solid**

The Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church at Graysville stands as firm and solid after a hundred and eleven years as the day it was completed. The interior has been altered and improved and the congregation can be proud of their beautiful house of worship. Recently, we learn, a proposal has been made to remove the old pews for replacement of a type of the present, which apparently seem to be in favor with majority of the congregation.

It so happened that during this recent visit my eyes chanced to observe the pews where the light was at such an angle as to reveal faint plane marks on the seats, left by master craftsmen of long ago. It would seem most unfortunate to remove the few remaining church furnishings that are connected with its antiquity, as the trends these days appears

all too willing to clear away so many notable mementos that bound our memories to the folks of long ago.

### **Iron Industry Brought Prosperity**

The early iron industry brought prosperity and exciting times to the Spruce Creek valley. With chapels, as branches of the Graysville church, established at Baileyville and Colerain for families of the iron furnace employees, we see a great day in the life of the church. It was a period of gaiety in the lives of many young people, of increased education and opportunities; a real swing of the pendulum from the austere and painfully poor advantages of the first settler. Throughout all--the church was always the center of the valley life. The Pennsylvania Furnace people came in a tally-ho to church. Surely life for the youth in that period was not so circumscribed as we are often led to believe, when shouts of glee were aroused when the tally-ho pulled away from the church. The church was the scene of beauty and fashion. The Lyon girls are supposed to have walked into the church with parasols raised high on one occasion. We do not know why. The iron masters had large families and entertained lavishly. Many distinguished guests from far and near overflowed the beautiful homes and their spacious grounds. The young men rode horses to church and the older folks came in buggies. The boys were not supposed to pass the older folks, as it was not polite.

And with the following from the pen of the late Mrs. Reeve, our story ends.

"That was the day of silk hats, stock collars and canes. \* \* \* \* They played, they rode, and best of all they sang and Oh, those church choirs sang--Jones LaPorte, Lavina and Bob Ingram, Jane Lyon, Miss Kate Stewart, the Goheens, the Porters. Even Philadelphia visitors praised the magnificence of their voices. The iron furnaces came to Spruce Creek Valley. They passed, but they left a vital memory. The iron of that age passed into the character of men and women of today. The iron of love of country and of their gift of lives to the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, the iron of perseverance, of ability to face hardships, of initiative to overcome strange situations, the iron of accomplishment and courage. Let us thank God for the iron furnace period."



(1974) Following are excerpts from an article which appeared in the *Pennsylvania Mirror* on Tuesday, July 9, 1974.

Paul McWilliams looks back: The “good old days” did not exist in farming. Paul and Nellie McWilliams have a combined total of over 150 years of farm life experiences to look back on. The Huntingdon County couple humorously described the days when hunting and fishing was the only easy thing about living on a farm.

... McWilliams, who will be 80 years young on the last day of this month, has been active in farming ever since he was about 10 years old. He still hasn’t retired and doesn’t hesitate to tackle a field of hay all by himself. Last week he unloaded five tons of hay all by himself and without help. While trying to give the impression that things were too hard in farming during the first half of this century, McWilliams hasn’t made everything as easy for himself as what he could. He not only stays active with farm work, but also mows his larger than average sized lawn with a push mower. He explains that a lack of activity is what makes people old.

McWilliams and his wife, the former Nellie Miller, have spent their entire married life--54 years--on their 305 acre farm. The farm itself has been in the McWilliams family since 1845; the impressive 10-room brick home was built in 1857 by McWilliams grandfather, William B. The bricks for the home were made in kilns on the farm, as were the bricks in the Presbyterian Church at Pine Grove Mills.

The “not so good old days,” as remembered by McWilliams, meant plowing with a one-bottom plow pulled by two horses; stacking loose hay in the field, pitching it on to wagons, and piling it loose in the barn; hauling 50-60 tons of ice in the wintertime--to be used for cooling during warm months; picking corn by hand and much more.

Displaying a lively sense of humor, McWilliams had a quick answer to the question of what he liked best about farming: “fishing and hunting!” He claimed he farmed because he didn’t have much choice--opportunities for other careers weren’t as available then as they are now.

In a way, McWilliams seemed to be wondering about how things were done in the era of the horse and buggy. He remembers the 65-foot well that was dug out by hand. Laughing a little, and shaking his head, he remembered the summers when the well went dry. Even more vivid in his memory were the winters when the stream froze

and went dry underneath the ice. Cattle had to be driven to water that was several miles away.

An event McWilliams can remember most vividly is when the famous air ship “Graf Zeppelin” caught his attention about 11 o’clock one night. It was dark, and the giant air ship was all aglow, humming somewhat as it headed east along Tussey Mountain. The incident puzzled him until he read about it the next day in the paper. . .

Farming methods differed greatly from what we see today. Mechanization brought about many changes. McWilliams believes this was the greatest thing that happened to farming. . . Improved varieties of seeds, and the demand for greater production and efficiency has been responsible for a number of changes on the farm.

Besides hauling ice for a couple miles during the winter, and suffering in the heat and dust by the threshing machine during the summer, there is one more job McWilliams confesses he hated. The job was churning butter. Mrs. McWilliams, although only two years younger than her husband, had somehow managed to miss the experience of churning butter, but she had a few recollections about wood stoves and going places on horseback rather than in a car. She still does all the cooking, cleaning and laundering and finds time for crocheting, making Afghans and music. She sings in the choir of the Upper Spruce Creek Church.

Getting some time off on a farm has always been one of the disadvantages of farm life, but it was even worse when McWilliams was a young man. Even when time was available for leisure activities, one could not do as he wanted. For example, reading the newspaper, driving, and making home-made ice cream were forbidden on Sundays. Travel was restricted by not only time, but also by the means of transportation. The automobile opened the world for farmers some-what, but it wasn’t until good roads were built that he could travel a good distance from home. McWilliams recalled it wasn’t until 1950 that route 45, which goes past his farm, was paved.\* . .

One thing McWilliams did cherish about his career is that he was his own boss. He feels he liked that part of it the best. But if he had to advise a young man on what to do, he would not encourage him to choose farming. “It costs too much money today,” he answered when asked why he felt this way.

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*NOTE: Paving of Rt. 45. Some reports show that what is now SR-45 was used as a road as long ago as 1850 in more or less its present alignment. Records of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in 1921 show that at the time SR 45 was designated as LR*

*(legislative route) 56 and was oiled and stoned that year. In later years it was improved and in 1950-51 the present ST 45 was completely rebuilt and made wider with some minor alignment and grading changes. This is the road we know today.*

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**Reminiscences of Randall Poust, the oldest living member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church as told to Jim and Elna Hanly on October 6, 1997.**

The church at Baileyville was built by the people that owned the Iron Furnace. I was told that when the furnace closed down it was given to Margaret Goheen's grandfather. He may have been an elder of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church at that time.

I went to Sunday School and Church at Baileyville, which was a part of the Graysville Church. I started as a youngster and some of the teachers I remember are Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Houser, and Nora Goheen. Paul Ward and Paul Sunday both taught. Max Ward and Mac Fry taught the Men's Class when I went there. Max Ward had the store in Baileyville and Mack was a farmer. Mack might have studied for the ministry. At any rate, he really knew about the Bible. There were 12 or 15 children who all walked to the church. There used to be a Young Men's Class and a Men's Class. There were also separate classes for the girls and the women. Ruth Frank taught the women's class. She was a wonderful teacher and a role model for the women. The Sunday School at Baileyville was held on Sunday afternoon and the church services were at night. I have a lot of cards that I got for learning Bible verses in the Sunday School. The lessons were based on the cards.

The ministers that served the Graysville Church also served the Baileyville Church. The first minister that I remember was Rev. R. M. Campbell. Betty and I bought a window for the Graysville Church in Rev. Campbell's memory. I don't remember much about him except that he seemed pretty old. I do remember going to his house with my brother and having my first bicycle ride. I think it was his son-in-law who gave me a ride on the handlebars of a bicycle. The manse was where Bob Behrer lives. That's where Betty and I were married by Rev. Beebe in the manse in 1945. He was a missionary but was here during the war years. At that time Betty and I lived in Altoona so we didn't get to know him very well.

My mother came to Pennsylvania Furnace with her family when she was about seven years old. They came from Monroe Furnace, near McAlevys Fort. My dad's parents came from Muncy, Pennsylvania, when he was about four years old. They lived in Bellwood and then in Tadpole and then moved to Tyrone. My parents lived on the hill in Baileyville for most of their married life and that's where my brother and I were born.

I worked on the railroad from 1942 to 1971. I was a fireman and then an engineer. I worked in the yard for most of the time and then about 1958 I went out on the road. The last five years when I was promoted I worked in Enola (across the river from Harrisburg).

On Memorial Day I remember going to the Memorial Day service in the cemetery and then to a Festival at Graysville Church. That was about 1910 or 1912. They had ice cream and cake and maybe sandwiches and we would go to the service with Mom and Dad and then spend the afternoon at the Festival.

Another big event was the Baileyville Picnic. It was put on by the Baileyville Sunday School. One year it was held in Dick Fye's woods and then there was a year or two when it was held in the woods on the Tadpole Road. Later they held the Picnic at the ball field. The picnic is still held even though the Baileyville Church has been closed. I don't know who sponsors it now.\* Back in the early days I remember the railroad ran through Pennsylvania Furnace. I remember seeing a train that would come through on picnic day that had six coaches on it. They would pick up people in Tyrone and then all the way out to the picnic. There was a merry-go-round, "fakers", and lots of food. People had tables built out there. Betty remembers the Sunday School class selling ice cream and pop. They had a good ball team and teams would come from around the area to play. I remember my uncle and aunt coming from near

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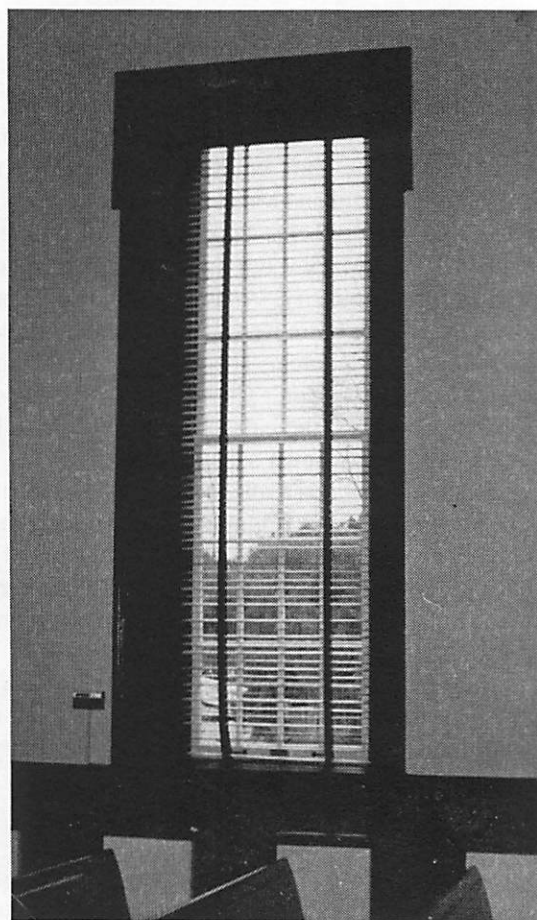
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State College in a two-horse wagon. They brought the family and spent the day.

At Christmas time the church put on a program. They also had a special program in the Spring, probably Children's Day. I remember being in a program in 1920. I was working for people by the name of Quinn who lived back by the mountain. I remember going in to the practice with them.

We have a lot of good memories of people and events. The Graysville Church will always be "home" to us.

*NOTE: More information about the Baileyville picnic was found in the trustees minutes of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church. The forming of committees was mentioned as early as 1934. The picnic continued on the third Saturday of August until 1949 when we find the last recorded mention of it in the trustees minutes. However, the picnic was revived for a time beginning in 1952 sponsored by the Baileyville Sunday School.*



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(1908) March 26, 1908 in the Presbyterian Church at Graysville by the Rev. R. M. Campbell the marriage of **John Henry Everhart of Graysville and Lois Russell Wigton**, of Cool Run farms was solemnized. The church was beautifully decorated with spruce. . . .

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(1936) **Mrs. Myra Bell** was guest of honor at a farewell party given at the home of Mrs. James Oliver recently, when she entertained the members of the ladies organized Bible class of the Graysville Church. Mrs. Bell, who has worked faithfully in the church during the past year will leave for her home in Egypt early in August. Mrs. Bell came to the States in 1935 accompanied by her husband, who returned last fall. There were about forty-two ladies present, and before the delightful affair came to a close, they presented Mrs. Bell with a nice sum of money. Mrs. Bell is a sister, of Mrs. G.C. Lake of our vicinity.

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(1938) In the Graysville Presbyterian church, near Tyrone, **Elizabeth Everhart** of Grant Avenue, teacher in Vandergrift high school, and **Dale H. Adams**, son of Mrs. and Mrs. John Q. Adams were married at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon in the presence of relatives and a few friends. The bride was given in marriage by her father, John H. Everhart of Wilkenburg. . . . Dr. E. C. Reeve, pastor of the Clearfield Presbyterian church, the bride's uncle, officiated. . . . Evergreens and mountain laurel decorated the little country church where Saturday's ceremony and reception took place. In this same church, the bride's parents were married 30 years ago.

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**Music.** **Edmund Woomer** of Graysville had a beautiful tenor voice and played the violin at the Graysville Presbyterian Church. . . . Reprinted from *Echoes from Warriors Mark, Pennsylvania and Surrounding Areas* by Elizabeth Nearhoof (Printed in July 1968).

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(1942) **J. Warren Ingram**, one of Franklin Township's leading citizens and the president of the Grange Trust Company of Huntingdon, was guest of honor Tuesday evening, June 16, at a birthday dinner party held in the American Legion Home on Washington Street.

The affair was a testimonial dinner tendered by the other members of the board of directors of the Grange

Trust and attended by all nine members of the board. It marked the 89th birthday of Mr. Ingram and his entrance into the ninetieth year.

After a delicious dinner, served by Fisher's Restaurant, a number of short speeches complimenting Mr. Ingram were given by some of his fellow board members.

The first speaker was J.G. Dell, first vice-president of the bank who spoke of his friendship for Mr. Ingram extending over forty years. He spoke in a complimentary vein of his full and busy life, his varied business experiences and the success that has marked his efforts. Mr. Dell declared that Mr. Ingram was still young in spirit and outlook on life as it is today, despite his many years.

Other appropriate talks were given by J.O. Rhodes, William Liebig and John H. Biddle. In behalf of the board members, Mr. Biddle presented Mr. Ingram with a lovely pen and pencil set, with his name engraved thereon. In his presentation speech, Mr. Biddle expressed the hope of all that Mr. Ingram would live many years more to enjoy life.

The guest of honor responded with words of thanks and appreciation for the gift and the thought back of the dinner party. He reminisced back over some of the busy years of his life, telling of his years of farming, milling, lumbering and banking.

Mr. Ingram first became a member of the Grange Trust board back in 1911. He has served continuously since that time and has been president of the bank since the death of the late Harry W. Read of Huntingdon in 1930.

Mr. Ingram comes from one of the pioneer families of Franklin Township. His grandfather, William Ingram came to the county back in the 18th century and settled in Franklin Township. J. Warren Ingram is the only surviving son of John and Mary Ann McCartney Ingram and was born in Franklin Township June 13, 1853. He was married in 1896 to Elizabeth Wilson of Hollidaysburg, who passed away in 1916.

Mr. Ingram has been a lifelong Presbyterian and is a faithful member of the Graysville Presbyterian Church, where he was a member of the choir for forty years. His family have been Presbyterians for generations and the first adjourned presbytery in this section was held in the home of his mother.

Mr. Ingram followed the pursuit of farming for many years and was known as one of the best farmers in this section. In recent years he has retired from active farming, but still maintains a managerial position over some of his properties.

His many friends all join in wishing him many happy returns of the day and hope that he may live to

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(1944) **Mrs. W.L. Beebe**, a returned missionary from Thailand, will speak at the World Day of Prayer service Friday evening beginning at 7:30 o'clock in the Presbyterian church. The missionary societies of all the churches have planned this program, at which Mrs. Harry Potter will preside. Special musical selections are also a part of the program.

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(1944) In the summer of 1944, **Jane Behrer** left Spruce Creek Valley to spend the next few years at an Oklahoma Indian Mission School—Dwight Mission, Biam, Oklahoma. Jane graduated from Juniata College in the Spring of 1944. Her major was Home Economics.

She was well prepared for her new work which included teaching sewing and cooking skills to teenage girls. The school was sponsored by the Presbytery of Oklahoma for orphans and abused children. Children ranging in ages from 6-18 lived at the school until graduation. They were of Choctaw, Cherokee, Creek and Sasfox descent. In addition to academic studies, basic skills were taught and projects similar to 4-H were available. Jane taught the girls how to remake used clothing. Evidence of her good instruction is shown in her photo album. The girls redesigned the dresses in the styles popular in the 1940s. All looked very well dressed.

Jane left the mission school in 1949 to marry Jim Baney. Her good friends Mr. and Mrs. Griffith (director of the school) kept in touch for many years. Jane Baney has been involved in local volunteer work ever since including 35 years volunteer work with the American Cancer Society.

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(1951) **Bernice Rider and John C. Behrer** Miss Bernice Rose Rider became the bride of John C. Behrer in a ceremony performed in the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian church at Graysville, Saturday, May 26. The Rev. Alfred E. Behrer performed the double ring ceremony at 2:30 p.m. amidst snapdragons, gladioli, palms, spruce, spirea and honeysuckle.

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(1946) **S.S. Class Holds Skating Party** The young girls and boys of the Graysville Sunday School spent an enjoyable evening recently at the

State College Roller Skating Rink. The party was planned in honor of **William Gorman** who is spending a leave at the home of his parents.

At a late hour refreshments were enjoyed at the Post House. Those who enjoyed the party were Roxie Behrer, Ethel and Dorothy Davis, Joan Gorman, Evelyn Henry, Mary K. Harpster, Janet McCalvey, Bea Musser, Doris Noll, Anne Wigton, Janet Zimmers, Joe Beebe, Derwood Behrer, Jim Houck, James Oliver, Jr. Frank Zimmers, George Lake, teaching of the class, and the honored guest, William Gorman.

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(1948) **Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Gensimore** to observe 54th Anniversary on Sunday (November, 1948 clipping). Fifty-four years ago tomorrow, November 28, Katharine S. Johnston and Lewis D. Gensimore of Spruce Creek Valley were united in marriage. The Gensimores were married at the bride's home in Spruce Creek Valley on November 28, 1894 and the Rev. Thomas Armentrout officiated. Nine children were born to that union, but four are now deceased. Three died in infancy. The other one was the late Esther G. Henry.

The children are helping their parents celebrate the occasion: Sue (Mrs. Walter A. Houck) of Martinsburg; Edwin M., Akron, Ohio; Mary (Mrs. Robert Shive) of Lock Haven; Katharine (Mrs. J. Earl Bickle) of Pine Grove Mills and Margaret (Mrs. Ira F. Woomer) of Tyrone. The Gensimore have 12 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

The bride of 54 years was born in Drakes Branch, Virginia, a daughter of William H. and Susan (Foster) Johnston. She was born on January 6, 1875, and was educated in the Franklin Township School. Her husband, who was born on September 25, 1869, at Birmingham, is a son of the late William C. and Esther (Harding) Gensimore. He attended Juniata College.

Before their marriage they taught school. She taught in Cool Run and his school was at Rural Choice. Following their marriage he took up farming. He retired from farming in 1923 and then was employed as a carpenter until 1940. Since then he has devoted his time to gardening and raising chickens. His wife likes to quilt and spends much time raising flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Gensimore . . . both are members of the Presbyterian Church. He attends the Men's Bible Class and she is active in the Ladies Aid Missionary Society.

Mrs. Gensimore was a successful practical

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nurse among her neighbors and friends in her younger days. Mr. and Mrs. Gensimore enjoy talking about historical events in their lifetime and recall the happenings of the Johnstown Flood, the Walter L. Maine circus wreck and the construction of the Spruce Creek Tunnel. In 1893 Mr. Gensimore and his brother spent the summer in North Dakota.

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(1958) An impressive ceremony took place on Saturday afternoon, March 1, 1958 at two o'clock in the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church, when **Miss Lucille P. Johnson** of Huntingdon and **Mr. Glenn E. Houck** of Spruce Creek, were united in marriage.

The bride who is the extension home economist for Huntingdon County, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell G. Johnson of Waynesburg R.D.1. The bridegroom is a son of Mrs. Anna J. Houck of Spruce Creek, and the late Mr. Joseph E. Houck.

Double ring rites were used by the officiating pastors, the Rev. G. Cecil Weimer of the First Methodist Church in Huntingdon, and the Rev. David Suetterlein of the Upper Spruce Creek Church.

The chancel of the church was effectively decorated with palms and colorful bouquets of light pink snapdragons, lavender carnations and white pompons in addition to lighted candles in candelabra. Arrangements of rhododendron leaves and white candles were placed in the church windows and pews were marked with white satin bows and rhododendron leaves.

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(1960) **Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Colabine**, who observed their 50th wedding anniversary Tuesday, March 22, held open house last Saturday afternoon for relatives, neighbors and friends with approximately 200 calling to extend congratulations.

Charles R. Colabine and Mary Ann Bathurst were married March 22, 1910, at the bride's home in Graysville, Spruce Creek Valley, with the late Rev. R.M. Campbell, Presbyterian minister, officiating.

There are three daughters and son. Also eight granddaughters and one great granddaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Colabine began housekeeping in Graysville coming to Tyrone 38 years ago to reside. Mr. Colabine is a retired salesman. Both have been lifelong members of the Presbyterian Church, active in both the Graysville and Tyrone churches.

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(1968) Mrs. Willis Heichel of Pennsylvania Furnace has announced the engagement of her daughter, **Mert Evalena**, to **Mr. Edwin A. King, II**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin King, Sr., of Bath, Maine.

Miss Heichel, also a daughter of the late Mr. Willis Heichel, is a graduate of Tyrone Area High School and is a senior at Pennsylvania State University majoring in elementary education.

Mr. King is a graduate of Morse High School. A Vietnam veteran, he is serving with the U.S. Army at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. No date has been set for the wedding.

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(1969) A quiet ceremony was solemnized on May 7, 1969 at two-thirty o'clock when **Miss Leah Merritt** became the bride of **Mr. Earl W. Homer**. The single ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Eugene McCahan.

The couple was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Chester W. Behrer of Graysville and Mrs. Merle Gallagher of Huntingdon. . . . The couple will reside in Graysville.

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(1980) **Ruth Ann Behrer and Edward P. Corridon** The Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church, Graysville, was the setting on June 21, 1980 for the marriage of Ruth Ann Behrer and Edward Patrick Corridon, Jr. The Rev. Donald McIlvride and the Rev. Alfred E. Behrer of Taylor Ridge, IL, uncle of the bride, officiated at the ceremony. The organist was Elizabeth Lake of Pennsylvania Furnace and the vocalist was Robin Oliver of Spruce Creek.

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(1981) **Mr. and Mrs. Clark Harpster** of Pennsylvania Furnace were recent guests at a surprise celebration in honor of their Golden Wedding Anniversary at the Baileyville Community Hall.

A highlight of the celebration was a program at which Miriam Judy of Pennsylvania Furnace served as master of ceremonies. The opening prayer was offered by the Rev. Donald McIlvride of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church, Graysville.

Marjorie Woomer of Pennsylvania Furnace presided at the piano as the group joined in singing several songs. Mary Fye gave an appropriate reading and a guitar solo was presented by Ed Woomer.

Miriam Judy conducted a "This Is Your Life" program in honor of the couple, followed by a piano solo by Judy Carper.

Congratulatory letters, including one from

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President Reagan and one from Governor Thornburgh, were read by Mary Carper, Ed Carper and Ron Carper.

Refreshments were served including the attractive anniversary cake baked by Mildred Wertman of Tyrone R.D. 4. Aids were Barbara Ray and Betty Jane Powley. Photographer for the occasion was James Turpen.

Mr. and Mrs. Harpster were married at Baileyville in the house where they now reside. The ceremony took place Feb. 28, 1931 with the Rev. Samuel Brown officiating.

Mr. Harpster is the son of Edward and May Harpster and Mrs. Harpster is the former Harriet Judy, daughter of George and Missouri Judy. They are the parents of a daughter, Mary C. Carper and have three grandchildren.

(1981) **Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. McWilliams** of Pennsylvania Furnace, Spruce Creek Valley, were recently honored at a surprise 64th wedding anniversary party at the home of Miss Miriam P. Judy, Graysville.

A buffet dinner was served to twenty-three guests by the hostess, assisted by Betty Jane Powley, Mary C. Carper and Judy Carper. An anniversary cake was presented to the couple by Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Homer and was cut and served.

Paul E. McWilliams and Nellie Miller were united in marriage in Huntingdon on Nov. 5, 1917 by the Rev. C. Daubenspeck.

They received a congratulatory letter from the governor's office and also personal greetings from President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan.

(1981) **Mr. and Mrs. Clark Harpster** were guests of honor recently at a surprise celebration at the Baileyville Community Hall on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple were married in Baileyville in the house in which they now live on February 28, 1931 by the Rev. Samuel Brown. Mrs. Harpster is the former Harriett Judy, daughter of George and Missouri Judy and Mr. Harpster is a son of Edward and Mary Harpster. The couple has one daughter, Mary C. Carper and three grandchildren.

Special music at the party was provided by Judy Carper and Marjorie and Ed Woomer. Mary Fye gave a reading and Miriam Judy was in charge of a "This Is Your Life" program. The honored couple received congratulatory letters from President Reagan and Gov. Thornburgh.

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(1988) **Carol Rudy and Christopher**

**Sweeney** On July 16, 1988, Carol Rudy and T. Christopher Sweeney were married at the church by the Rev. Mr. David F. Crow. This was David's first marriage ceremony. The day can also be remembered as the warmest day of the year. The temperature registered 103 degrees in the church parking lot! Both Carol and Chris are 1988 graduates of Penn State University. Carol received her Master of Arts degree from Immaculata College in Nutrition Education and passed the RD exam all in 1991. Chris received his Masters degree in Science Education from West Chester University in 1992.

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1988) **John L. Gilliland** of Warriors Mark will be honored on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 27, at an open house from 1:30 till 4:20 p.m. at the Warriors Mark-Franklin Fire Hall. The open house is in celebration of his 80th birthday.

Mr. Gilliland was born Nov. 29, 1908 in Shavers Creek Valley. He graduated from the former Petersburg Vocational High School, where he participated in baseball, football and basketball. He attended Juniata College and Penn State.

In 1927, he married the former Hazel Wert, who is deceased. John is the father of LaRue G. Brown of Harrisburg; William L. Gilliland of Tyrone, and J. Galen Gilliland of Warriors Mark. He has ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Gilliland taught school for ten years in the Warriors Mark-Franklin School District. From 1931 until 1978, he was employed by Harpster Chevrolet Co. as an accountant, salesman and manager.

He was appointed tax collector for Warriors Mark Township for one year in 1937 and has been elected every four years since and is now serving his 52nd year.

John was quite active as a baseball player for area teams from 1927 till 1950. He coached the Warriors Mark High School team for several years.

His other interests include farming, hunting with his beagles and Penn State Football. He is active in Huntingdon County politics, the Huntingdon County Holstein Association and the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church at Graysville.

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(1990) **Susan Behrer and Gregory Blum**  
Susan Isabelle Behrer of HC-01 Spruce Creek and Gregory Allen Blum of Warriors Mark were united in marriage on June 2, 1990, during a double ring service held at the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church, Graysville. The Rev. David



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Crow officiated. Joan Smith and soloist Dawn Calderwood provided music for the 2:30 p.m. ceremony.

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(1991) **Nancy Behrer and John Nagel**  
The Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church in Pennsylvania Furnace was the setting for the March 9, 1991, wedding of Nancy Behrer and John Nagel. The double ring ceremony took place at ten-thirty o'clock in the morning, with the Rev. David F. Crow officiating. Music was provided by organist Carol G. Oliver of Spruce Creek and guitarist/soloist Paul Heinemann of State College.

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On June 16, 1996 the church celebrated and thanked God for **John Behrer's** service as church treasurer. Always by his side working with John has been his wife, Bernice.

Two pieces have been added to the communion set—a pitcher and bread tray. They are inscribed: To God be the Glory, John C. Behrer, Treasurer "1953-1996."

Presented personally to John was a United States Proof Set (1953) and a certificate reading: "With appreciation to John C. Behrer for faithful and caring

service as Treasurer of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church (1953-1996)" Presented June 16, 1996.

"Happy is the man who finds wisdom and the man who gets understanding for the gain from it is better than the gain from silver and its profit better than gold." Proverbs 3:13.





(1870) **Hon. Jonathan M'Williams** was born in Spruce Creek Valley, Huntingdon County, Pa. in 1797. He was of Scotch descent. His parents were members of the Presbyterian church. He spent his youth and part of his mature years in working at a mechanical trade; but latterly lived on a farm of his own, on which he principally raised his family. Married in 1819 Miss Esther Boreland, who was a native of the same valley, and the same year joined the Presbyterian church. In 1827 he was elected a ruling elder of the church of his childhood; in which capacity he served them with fidelity til within five years of his death, at which time he removed out of the bounds of the congregation. His eldest daughter was married to the late Rev. Thomas Stevenson, who after the death of her husband resided in McVeytown, Mifflin county, and this was the chief inducement to Mr. McWilliams to remove there to spend the last years of his life.

He was twice elected to the State Legislature from Huntingdon County, and served during the years 1842 and 1843. He was also elected an associate judge of the county. He enjoyed in the highest degree the confidence of the community among who he spent almost the whole of his life. His intelligence, piety, and public spirit, commanded the esteem of all who knew him. He was a great reader; collected a large library of standard works, and became possessed of a very general information. His face was always set against wrong; and he employed his pen frequently in the inculcation of virtue, and in the defence of Christianity. He early enlisted in the cause of temperance, and spent both time and money in urging forward the reformation, both by speech and by the press. His piety was marked by simplicity and humble trust. He was an example in all the relations of life.

As a Presbyterian, and especially as a Presbyterian elder, he was sincere and intelligent in his adoption of the doctrines of the Confession of Faith, and the catechisms, and tolerated no departure from them, in those who professed to adopt them. It was always known where Judge McWilliams would be found when matters of doctrine were involved. And he was true to the State as he was to the Church. He was eminently patriotic. He lived through the late civil war in behalf of the Union. He at once took the part of the Government, and gave his youngest son to the army, who was killed at Antietam. More young men volunteered from Judge McWilliam's immediate neighborhood, and more of them fell in the service, than from any district of the same amount of population in any part of the State. The following

extracts are taken from a copy of the *Huntingdon Globe*, published two weeks after his death: "He had lived his threescore and ten, and they were years of industry and usefulness, to himself, to his Maker, and to his fellow-men. Few men took as active a part in the temperance reformation, which originated in this country in his younger days, and with which he at once became connected, and fought manfully against great opposition, and when none (few) were found to aid him."

Again, "He was not only a philanthropist, but a patriot. During the rebellion his voice and pen were alike active in diffusing the spirit of patriotism, and his appeals were earnest and soul-inspiring. He had many friends, for he had befriended many; and they, with us, will revere the memory of his acts of kindness and devotion."

Judge McWilliams raised a family of sons and daughters, all of whom while living were members of the church, save one; and one of whom became an elder of a Presbyterian church, efficient and beloved, but was removed by death shortly after the decease of his father.

Judge McWilliam's death was rather unexpected at the time it occurred. The sickness that took him away was only of five days duration. But the subject of death was not unfamiliar to him. Long before his departure, the prospect of his own leaving was a topic of frequent conversation. He always talked calmly of it. Death had no terrors for him. He knew in whom he had believed. The sickness of which he died was the only sickness of his long life. He died at McVeytown, Pa., September 2, 1870 in the seventy-third year of his age.

*(From the History of The Presbytery of Huntingdon by William J. Gibson, D.D., Pastor of Duncansville and Martinsburg Churches, 1874.)*

(1899) **George W. Lyon** died at his home in Tyrone on Saturday night. He was born at Colerain Forge, Huntingdon County, Nov. 7, 1826. He was a son of John and Margaretta Stewart Lyon and grew to manhood at the family home. The Lyons were iron manufacturers and associated with the Shorbs and Stewarts. They controlled that business in its early development in this section. The firm of Lyon, Shorb, and Co., being one of the strongest and best known in Pennsylvania in its day. He married Miss Anna C. Porter, at Alexandria June 25, 1863. Three children, two of whom are dead, were born to them. Mrs. Lyon, with their son, John Porter Lyon, survives. There are two brothers and one sister of the family still living: James B. Lyon, of Pittsburgh;

Thomas S. Lyon, Topeka, Kan; and Mrs. Bucher Ayres, Philadelphia. Rev. J. C. Kelley conducted services at his late home on Tuesday. The body was taken to Alexandria for burial.  
(From the *Democratic Watchman*, Bellefonte, Penna., Friday, Aug. 18, 1899)

(1901) **Mrs. G. W. Reynolds**, died Sunday evening, April 7th, 1901. God called to the heavenly home this venerable lady. Mrs. Reynolds had been a member of our Foreign Missionary Society almost 28 years and a subscriber of "Woman's Work for Woman" nearly 20 years. Through a careful reading of the magazine she was intelligently and prayerfully interested in the progress of the gospel in dark lands. She belonged to one of the oldest families of our valley. Years before the flag of Great Britain had given place to our beautiful stars and stripes, Mrs. Reynolds' grandfather, John Borland, came with his family from Maryland Colony to the very centre of (Penn's Woods) Pennsylvania and located in a wilderness, which, from our earliest recollections, has been called the Glades. Rearing a humble dwelling on the slope of Tussey Mt., these sturdy pioneers cleared the forest while hearing the occasional wild whoop of the Red Man. Four generations of the Borlands occupied this homestead. The successive generations of children played under the same great forest trees and paddled in the same dashing mountain brook. Here, in the third generation, was born Nancy Borland, daughter of Archibald, granddaughter of pioneer John.

January, 1843, Nancy Borland became Mrs. G. W. Reynolds--her entire life of 83 years was spent in our valley. Retaining all her faculties to the close of life it was a pleasure to sit by her venerable form and note her happy face and cheerful voice as with clear mind and kind heart she talked of the church and of those dear to her whether in her family or in her neighborhood. The Borlands from pioneers down have been identified with the religious growth of our valley. They were the founders of the earliest church organization in our valley--that of Spruce Creek Presbyterian church located at Graysville, were supporters and regular worshipers in this church and although the "Meeting House," as it was called in early days, was five miles distant and only their feet bore them to it, they saw the humble "Meeting House" change from log to frame and from frame to stone. In this church of her father Mrs. Reynold's husband, Geo. W. Reynolds has been an honored elder 34 years and a chief supporter; also a member nearly 64 years. He is still with us, aged 87 years-God bless him. G. W. Reynolds and Nancy Borland were

admitted to the old church at the same communion, August, 1837, by Sam Hill, pastor.

Mrs. Reynolds leaves two married sons in the bounds of the old church. A married son and a daughter elsewhere--the son an elder in the church.

Mrs. Reynolds' home during most of the 57 years of married life was quite near the old church in which she delighted to worship. Even after four score years sat upon her it was beautiful to see her crossing the grassy lawn to church--sometimes supported by a son, again walking easily alone. God's word was her guide and comfort in life and in the valley of death.

Her body was laid in the old grave yard within sight of her home and church. It is our prayer and hope that her descendants as long as they are in the valley may be regularly found in the church of their ancestors worshipping God in spirit and in truth.

(1904) **Washington Reynolds**. On Thursday afternoon from the Graysville Presbyterian Church the body of Washington Reynolds was borne to the cemetery nearby by the elders of the church, and followed by a large number of relatives and friends. Rev. R. M. Campbell, the pastor, conducted the services. The text was "Thou shalt come to thy Savior in a full age, like a shock of corn cometh in his season." The discourse was as appropriate and truthful as the text. The deceased had rounded out "a full age," going a half score and nine days beyond what the psalmist says is the number of "the days of our years." He was born January 22, 1814, in Lost Creek valley, Juniata County. A few years of boyhood were spent in Stone Valley, and while yet a boy he came to Spruce Creek Valley. He was a carpenter. He learned his trade under John D. Bell. Many of the barns and houses in the valley were erected by him.. He did the carpenter work of the church forty-seven years ago, from which he was buried.

He and Nancy H. Borland, who afterward became his wife, united with the Presbyterian Church in 1837, under Rev. Samuel Hill, who was pastor of the church from 1825 to 1848. They were married by Rev. Hill at Birmingham on the 8th day of January, 1843. They were blessed with ten children. . . . On April 7, 1902, Mrs. Reynolds died at the age of 82 years.

From this family record, it will be seen that of their ten children only three sons and one daughter survive their parents. The living grandchildren only number eight. Mr. and Mrs. Reynold now lay side by side in the cemetery but a few feet distant from the foundation of the church with which they together united, and but a few rods from the present stone

church in which they together worshipped so long, and also but a few rods from the home in which they lived since 1851 excepting seven years. . . : A person cannot speak too strongly of the life of this good old patriarch, who outlived his generation. He was a man of deep convictions. He loved the church, the word, the sacraments, the prayer and the song. He believed in doctrine. He knew God's word and could give a reason for his belief and hope. He taught his family the Bible and the Catechism. He valued his possessions. He prized as good all he possessed; his tools, his stock, his fruit, his home.

Many changes have taken place in our country since Mr. Reynolds' birth. The fourth president was then serving his second term. We were then in our second war with England. Only 18 states were then in our union. Ohio was our farthest western state, and Florida yet belonged to Spain. He was longer a member of the Graysville Presbyterian church than any other person; for 67 years he was connected with the congregation. During that time nine pastors served the church. For nearly forty years he was an elder. . . . He was a member of the general assembly which met in Pittsburgh in 1895. He died in the hospital at Warren, January 31, 1904, where he had been ever since August, 1902. He lived a strenuous life. Mental and bodily powers were frequently under a great strain. His mind failed before his body. He lived a most honorable life. He adorned the doctrine of his Savior with a Godly and upright life. He has attained unto the rest that remains for the people of God. May his mantle fall not only upon his sons but upon many in the church.

### (1906) Mrs. J. C. Kelly

The people of Williamsburg were shocked Tuesday morning upon learning of the death of one of the best known Christian residents, the wife of Rev. J. C. Kelly, pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

The deceased had been suffering for the past year or two, but her condition had not been considered precarious until the last few days. . . . She was born in Ellicottsville N.Y., April 9, 1845, and at the time of her death was aged 61 years, 9 months and 27 days. April 18, 1866, she was united in marriage in Kilbourn City, Wis., to Rev. J. C. Kelly. . . . In early life, Mrs. Kelly moved from New York to Wisconsin with her parents. After her marriage she moved with her husband to Cambria, Wis., where she resided until he was called to Spruce Creek, PA., where she remained until 1891, when her husband was called to the First Presbyterian church at Williamsburg, where by her lovable Christian character she won many friends.

Mrs. Kelly was always one of the most active and conscientious leaders in all Christian efforts. She was prominently identified with the Christian Endeavor, Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary societies, Sunday school and all other branches of Christian work. She was always very charitable and many persons have fond memories of pleasant hours spent in her home. Mrs. Kelly will be greatly missed in the church, as she was always ready to lend a helping hand in all the duties connected therewith. She will be missed by the people of Williamsburg because of her lovable hospitable and generous character. . . .

(1913) Miss Catherine Walker Stewart, of Colerain, born November 1827; entered into rest, November, 1913. "Let her own works praise her in the gates." The Women's Foreign Missionary society of Huntingdon Presbytery, through its executive committee, adopted the following memorial at its meeting, December 4 1913:

"In loving remembrance of Miss Kate Stewart, we would record the beauty of her life, her deep faith and piety and her spirit of prayer. She honored her Master in her own home, in devoted service to her own church, and in the uplifting influence that she exerted upon the entire community through her long and honored life.

We would record the hospitality of her home, the cordial welcome and Christian fellowship that blessed all who entered there.

Her supreme interest was the spread of the Kingdom of her Lord: Lavishly she poured out of her gifts, her time, her talents, her means, her prayers, her love, in a service full of joy and gladness of heart.

Largely through her efforts the Presbyterial society was organized in 1875 and her service as an officer was for life. No one who has had the privilege of hearing her read her annual message at the presbyterial meetings can outlive the influence of that hour--the dear form growing infirm and feeble, the earnest voice and the words from the depths of her burning love have left an impression as lasting as time. Nor can we measure the influence of her letters to our workers in foreign lands. Many missionaries while in this country have journeyed to her home that they might ask her to pray for them in their distant work. What God hath wrought through her will not be known until the day when all things shall be revealed."

(1926) George Deters died at his home at Graysville on October 25th as the result of a complication of diseases. He was a son of George and Jane Deters and 79 years of age. During the Civil

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War he served in Company E. 445th regiment. He married Elizabeth Archey, of Graysville, who survives with two children, William Deters, of State College and Mrs. Ralph Judy of Graysville. Burial was made at Graysville.

(1932?) **John Bailey Goheen**, the dean of that pioneer family in the western end of the county and a man universally esteemed by a large circle of friends, is no more. He passed away peacefully at his home at Baileyville at midnight last Thursday. He had been ill only a few days and his death was a general breaking down of his once strong constitution.

His parents, Robert and Margaret Murray Goheen, were among the pioneer settlers in the Glades, occupying a farm near the village of Rock Springs. It was there John Bailey Goheen was born on September 20th, 1845. He had lived to the ripe age of 87 years, 3 months and 24 days. As a boy he attended the public schools in winter and did the chores on the farm in summertime.

Before he had attained his majority the Civil war was on and he enlisted for service and proved a good soldier. On his return home he worked on the farm until his marriage in 1869 when he engaged in farming for himself in "The Loop." Fifty eight years ago he moved to the farm, near Baileyville, which he later purchased, and where he spent the balance of his life.

By close application and hard work he made a success of tilling the soil, but it is not for that he will be longest remembered. His most striking characteristics were his strict integrity and kind, brotherly feeling for his fellowman. He was a living example of the fact that wisdom is not necessarily a product of college halls, and his wise counsel was sought by many men of his acquaintance.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Church from boyhood and for many years had been a trustee. Until failing health prevented he was always to be found in his pew at all church services. He was a member of the G.A.R. and for a long period of years had been a member of the board of directors of the Farmer's Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Though a Republican in politics he was liberal in his views and never sought public office. He was a reader of the Watchman most of his life.

On September 15th, 1869, he married Miss Mary Ann Bailey, who passed away twenty-six years ago, but surviving him are five children, Dr. George B. Goheen, of Coalport; R. Hamill, Lettie G., Anna Mary and Nora L., all on the home farm. He was the last to go of a family of eleven children.

Funeral services were held in the Presbyterian

Church at Graysville, at 2 o'clock on Sunday afternoon by his pastor, Rev. Samuel R. Brown. The church was filled to capacity with sorrowing friends who were there to pay respect to one they all loved and admired in life. Burial was made in the Graysville cemetery by the side of the remains of his wife. Six of his close friends acted as pall-bearers, namely: Warren Ingram, Daniel Patterson, Arthur Miller, G. W. Judy, J. Milo Campbell and James Grazier.

(1935) **Theodore Brown**, a freshman at Penn State and a son of Rev. and Mrs. S.R. Brown, of Pennsylvania Furnace, was instantly killed on Thursday night about 10:15 o'clock when the automobile which he was operating left the highway near Pennsylvania Furnace and crashed into a tree. Death was due to a fractured skull. He was aged 17 years.

The young man was returning to his home from State College, where he had attended a pep meeting during the evening. He was alone at the time of the accident, and there were no eye-witnesses to the fatal crash. Samuel Homan, near whose home the accident occurred, heard a crash and running to the highway found young Brown's body along the side of the road. The car was completely demolished. It is believed that Brown lost control of the car when he swerved suddenly to avoid striking some object on the highway. There were no marks on the highway to indicate that the car had skidded.

Brown had just entered Pennsylvania State College as a first year student, the first day of Freshman week being observed at the college yesterday.

Theodore Van Anden Brown was born in Warrensburg, N.Y, a son of Rev. and Mrs. S.R. Brown. The Rev. Brown is pastor of the Presbyterian charge at Graysville.

Funeral services were held at the Church and the body was taken to Pleasant View for interment.

(1935) **Mary Elizabeth Deter**, widow of George C. Deter of Graysville died yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Judy, of palpitation of the heart. She was born Feb. 8, 1861, in Graysville, a daughter of George and Mary Archey. Her husband died Aug. 25, 1926. She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Judy, four grandchildren, and the following brothers and sisters; Elda of Hollidaysburg, Hezekiah of Franklinville, Carrie of Altoona and Lynn of Mount Union.

(1936) **Warren S. Ward**, well known citizen of Spruce Creek Valley died at his home at Baileyville

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yesterday morning. Mr. Ward has been in failing health for several years.

He was a son of Simon and Anna (Irving) Ward and was born on November 7, 1857. On February 13, 1890 he was united in marriage with Ida Cameron who died in 1932. Members of his family include these children: Max Ward, Anna Ward, at home; Paul Ward, Tyrone; Warren Ward, Lewistown, Mrs. J. H. Mauger, Chester, Pa., and one brother, J.E. Ward of Washington, Pa.

Mr. Ward was a member of the Spruce Creek Presbyterian church, being an elder for many years. He was also superintendent of the Baileyville Sunday School for 30 years. He was a member of Tyrone Lodge No. 494, F. and A. M. and the Harrisburg Consistory. For 54 years he conducted a general merchandise business at Baileyville and was well known in Huntingdon and Centre Counties.

Funeral service will be held at the Baileyville Presbyterian Church in charge of Rev. S.R. Brown, assisted by Rev. A.D. Minick, followed by burial in the Grandville cemetery.

(1937) **Anna C. Houser**, widow of Dr. L.M. Houser, died at her home in Baileyville, yesterday morning after three weeks illness. She was born at Marengo, Centre County, on Jan. 6, 1857, a daughter of Samuel and Nancy (Rider) Musser, and on June 4, 1889, married Dr. Houser, who died in July, 1925. Surviving are two sons and two daughters, A.M. Houser of Birmingham, Ala., Dr. Carl M. Houser of Philadelphia, Mrs. R.H. Thompson and Mrs. L.M. Metzger of State College; three brothers and one sister, Dr. W.S. Musser of Tyrone, J. Howard and Marshall G. Musser of State College and Emma McClintock of St. Petersburg, Fla. Mrs. Houser was a member of the Graysville Presbyterian Church. Funeral services will be held at the home tomorrow. Interment will be in the Pine Hall Cemetery.

(1938?) **Edward D. Isenberg**, prominent citizen of Spruce Creek Valley and well known in church and fraternal circles, died at his home in Pennsylvania Furnace Friday afternoon following an illness of several months from a complications of diseases.

He was a son of Thomas and Mary (Fox) Isenberg and was born in Graysville, February 15, 1875. On December 12, 1901, he was united in marriage with Estella Geist. He is survived by his wife and the following brother and sisters; Mrs. Kaye Bateman and Mrs. Jennie Lloyd, of Brisbin; Mrs. May Frank of Graysville; Mrs. Sue Beck of McVeytown; Mrs. Abbie Farber of State College, and C.A. Isenberg, of Boalsburg.

Mr. Isenberg was an elder in the Graysville Presbyterian Church and served as Superintendent of the Baileyville Sunday School and for many years was director of the church choir. He was a member and officer in the I.O.O.F. and a member of the Commercial Travelers. For many years he was the leader of the Pine Grove Mills band and a charter member of the Baileyville Community Hall.

Funeral services were held in the Baileyville Presbyterian Church, in charge of Rev. Albertus Groendyk, assisted by Rev. W. Illingworth. Interment was made in the Graysville Cemetery.

(1938) **Clark Harpster, Jr.**, six-weeks-old son of Clark and Harriet H. Judy Harpster of Pennsylvania Furnace, died in the Centre County Hospital, Dec. 19, 1938. He is survived by his parents and one sister.

Funeral services will be held at the Graysville cemetery, with Rev. Albertus Groendyk officiating.

(1941) **Mrs. Alice M. Irvin**, 78, of Pennsylvania Furnace died Feb. 17, 1941, at the home of her son Clarence, of the Branch, after several months illness.

Mrs. Irvin was born at Loveville, July 25, 1862, the daughter of William and Elizabeth Kuhn Cole. She was married February 16, 1882 to Daniel Irvin, who died March 21, 1929.

The deceased is survived by two sons and two daughters, Mrs. George Meyer of State College; Clarence of the Branch; George H. Irvin of Beverly Hills, Calif. and Mrs. Alice E. Wright of Latrobe. Also surviving are ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth McCormick of Tyrone.

Mrs. Irvin was a member of the Graysville Presbyterian Church.

Funeral services will be held from the home of her son, Clarence, the Branch Thursday with Rev. Groendyk of the Presbyterian Church officiating. Interment will be in the Graysville Cemetery.

(1941) **Ida Mae Frank** died Feb. 13, 1941 at her home on the Zion-Jacksonville road in Centre Co., following several months illness. Mrs. Frank, who spent most of her life at Pennsylvania Furnace, was 67. The family moved near Zion six years ago.

Mrs. Frank was born in Huntingdon County, Feb. 8, 1874, a daughter of Jacob and Hannah Gladys Emeigh. Her husband, William Frank, and the following children survive: Mrs. Ruth Frank, Pennsylvania Furnace; Thomas, Basil and Daniel, State College; Mrs. Ellen Cox, Curtin; Mrs. Edith Ormdorf, Woodward; Mrs. Margaret Wolfe, Coburn;

William and Lee, at home; and Glenn of Alexandria.

Mrs. Mary Robinson, Mrs. Margaret Duputter and Mrs. Nora Dixon, all of Bradford, are surviving sisters in addition to 13 grandchildren. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Funeral services at the Widdowson Funeral Home in Bellefonte will be followed by services in the Presbyterian Church at Baileyville. Rev. Paul J. Keller, of Snyderstown, will officiate. Interment will be in the Graysville Cemetery.

(1942) **Joseph H. Gilliland**, 60, died suddenly at his home in Ferguson Township on March 1, 1942. Death was due to a heart attack.

Born at Neffs Mills on March 11, 1881, he was a son of Luther and Anne (Scott) Gilliland. On June 10, 1902, he was united in marriage to Edna Moffitt.

Mr. Gilliland was a retired farmer and had been a resident of Centre County since 1923. He was a member of the Graysville Presbyterian Church and of the Men's Bible class of the Baileyville Presbyterian Church. He was Democratic Chairman of West Ferguson Township. At the time of his death he was driver of the Ferguson Township school bus.

Members of the family include his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Madeline G. Hawn, of Petersburg, R.D., and one son Ernest Gilliland, of Red Bank, N.J. Also surviving are one brother, Oscar Gilliland, of Spruce Creek, and two granddaughters.

Funeral services will be held in the Baileyville Presbyterian chapel, in charge of the Rev. Albertus Groendyk, assisted by The Rev. J.T. Cummings. Interment will be made in the Mooresville Cemetery, directed by Temple's Funeral Service.

(1943) **Mary E. McWilliams**, only remaining original guest at the Presbyterian Home, Hollidaysburg, died at the home May 3, 1943, following an illness of two years. Miss McWilliams was born August 25, 1858, at Graysville, a daughter of William B. and Elizabeth Sample McWilliams. She became a guest at the home in 1926. She is survived by one brother, George McWilliams, and one sister, Mrs. Belle Goheen, both of Pennsylvania Furnace. The deceased was a member of the Graysville Presbyterian Church for more than 68 years and a teacher in the Sunday School for over 50 years. Funeral services were held at the Home with Rev. T. Stacey Capers, pastor of the Hollidaysburg Presbyterian Church officiating and at the Graysville Presbyterian Church the following day.

(1944) **George Porter Irvin**, 72, former president of the Huntingdon and Centre County Telephone

Company, and a former director of the People's National Bank in State College, died at his home in Pennsylvania Furnace January 5, 1944, after an extended illness.

One of Spruce Creek Valley's most successful farmers, Mr. Irvin had lived on the same farm for fifty years. He had served as school director for sixteen years and had been president of the board. For thirty years he had been a member of the I.O.O.F. at Pine Grove Mills. He had been a member of the Graysville Presbyterian Church for 47 years and attended Sunday School at the Baileyville Presbyterian Church where he had served as superintendent for a number of years.

He was born in Pennsylvania Furnace on February 16, 1871, the son of William H. Irvin and Amanda Fox Irvin. He was united in marriage to Jennie Kinch of Franklinville on February 13, 1895. Mrs. Irvin preceded him in death on Sept. 1, 1932.

Surviving are one son Eugene Irvin of Pennsylvania Furnace and three sisters: Mrs. Clara Wilson, Mrs. Bertha Brown, and Mrs. Ella Brennan all of Altoona.

The funeral service will be held in the Baileyville Presbyterian Church with the Rev. L.J. Beebe officiating. Interment will be made in Graysville Cemetery.

(1944) **J. Warren Ingram**, 91, president of the Grange Trust Company and one of Huntingdon County's oldest and most prominent citizens, died at his home in Alexandria March 25, 1944. He had spent the winter with his grand-niece, Mrs. Daniel F. McMahon, in New York City and returned to Alexandria a week ago.

Mr. Ingram was a descendant of one of the pioneer families of Franklin Township and had spent the greater part of his life in the old stone house on the Ingram farm in Spruce Creek Valley in which he was born on June 13, 1853. He was the son of John Ingram and Mary Ann McCartney Ingram. His grandfather William Ingram came to this county in the eighteenth century and settled in Franklin Township. In 1925 Mr. Ingram moved to Alexandria. His entire life, with the exception of a year and a half during which he resided in Virginia, was spent in Huntingdon County.

The Ingram family has been Presbyterian for generations, the first adjourned Presbytery to be held in this section having been at the home of Mr. Ingram's mother. Mr. Ingram was a member of the Graysville Presbyterian Church and was keenly interested in all the church projects. He was a member of the Graysville church choir for forty years.

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Recognized as one of the best farmers in this section of the state, Mr. Ingram until a short time before his death managed a farm in Spruce Creek Valley although he had been retired from active work for some time.

Mr. Ingram's interest in the Hartslog Valley Grange had been of long standing and his is probably the longest record that grange has known.

In 1911 Mr. Ingram became a member of the board of directors of the Grange Trust Company and served as director continuously since that time. In 1931, upon the death of the late Harry W. Read he became president. Until his death he maintained an active interest in all phases of the banks affairs and was an ex-officio member of the finance committee which meets every other week. The banks will close at noon on Tuesday, March 28, out of respect to Mr. Ingram.

On June 16, 1942, as Mr. Ingram entered his ninetieth year, he was honored at a testimonial dinner given at the American Legion home in Huntingdon by the other members of the board of directors of the Grange Trust Company and attended by all nine members of the board and other prominent business people of this section.

Mr. Ingram was the last surviving member of his immediate family. His wife, Elizabeth Wilson Ingram, who he married in 1896, preceded him in death in 1916.

Surviving are five grandnieces and grandnephews: Mrs. Henry Curren of St. Paul, Minn.; Mrs. Daniel McMahon, New York City; Harry Olds, Durham, N.C.; George C. Porter, State College; and Hugh F. Porter, Pittsburgh.

The funeral service will be held at the Church with the Rev. Lyle Beebe officiating. Interment will be made in the Graysville Cemetery.

(1945) **Sophia Elizabeth Reed**, widow of John T. Reed, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ben Everhart, Warriors Mark on Friday evening following a four-day illness with diseases incident to old age.

Mrs. Reed was a daughter of James and Mary (Osman) Crust and was born in Centre County on March 17, 1855. On September 16, 1876, at Bellefonte, she was married to John T. Reed. She had been a resident of Warriors Mark and Spruce Creek Valley for 53 years.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Sam Everhart, R.D. State College; Mrs. Ben Everhart, Warriors Mark; a son, Robert Reed, Pennsylvania Furnace; a step-daughter, Mrs. Frank Houck, Franklinville; a brother Reuben Crust, Fillmore; and a sister, Mrs. Robert Corl, Pleasant Gap; also five

grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was a member of the Graysville Presbyterian church.

Funeral services were held at the Church in charge of Rev. Lyle Beebe, assisted by Rev. R. Roland Ritter, followed by burial in the Graysville Cemetery.

(1946) **Lavina Jane Behrer** of Spruce Creek Valley, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Paul E. Brown, of Spruce Creek on Monday, February 4, 1946. She had been ill for three weeks.

Born in Centre County, November 13, 1865, she was a daughter of Alex and Elizabeth Gates Harpster. She was married in Patton township, January 15, 1899 to Charles E. Behrer and was a resident of Spruce Creek Valley for 50 years. Her husband preceded her in death 28 years ago.

Mrs. Behrer is survived by three children: Mrs. Brown, Spruce Creek; Chester Behrer, Pennsylvania Furnace, and Reuben E. Behrer, Spruce Creek, R.D. Surviving also are a brother, Edward Harpster of Pennsylvania Furnace; two sisters, Mrs. Robert Roan, of Bellefonte, Mrs. Charles Bistline of Philadelphia and 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was a member of the Graysville Presbyterian Church, the Ladies Auxiliary and the Ladies Aid Society of Graysville, and the Rebekah Lodge of Pine Grove Mills. Funeral services at the Church will be conducted by her pastor, the Rev. L.J. Beebe, assisted by the Rev. R.W. Illingworth of Hollidaysburg. Interment in the Gatesburg Cemetery will be directed by Cox's Funeral Service.

(1946) **Lettie Gardner Goheen**, of Baileyville, died at her home April 21, 1946 of complications following a years illness. Born April 11, 1877 at Baileyville, she was a daughter of John B. and Mary Ann Bailey Goheen. Surviving are two sisters, Anna Mary and Nora, both at home. Deceased was a member of the Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church.

Brief services were held at the home followed by services in the Church with Rev. L.J. Beebe officiating. Interment was made in Graysville Cemetery.

(1947) **Clara J. McCracken** of Pine Grove Mills died at her home April 7, 1947, following a week's illness

Born December 21, 1862 in Milan, Mo., she was a daughter of Henry W. and Eliza Campbell McCracken. Surviving are the following brothers and sisters; Mary, Elizabeth and Harry, all of Pine Grove Mills; and Rev. John McCracken of Newark, N.J.



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She was a member of the Graysville Presbyterian Church. Funeral services were held from the Koch Funeral Home, State College, with Rev. T.G. Jones officiating. Interment was made in Pine Grove Mills Cemetery.

(1947) **Edna Moffitt Gilliland**, of Pennsylvania Furnace died at the home of her daughter; Mrs. Madeline G. Hawn of Petersburg, R.D., West Township, on May 22, 1947. She had made her home with her daughter since she became ill nine weeks ago.

She was born in West Township, Huntingdon County, July 15, 1878, a daughter of Jackson and Catherine (Borst) Moffitt, both deceased. She was united in marriage to Joseph H. Gilliland on June 10, 1902. Her husband preceded her in death in March, 1942.

She was a resident of Shavers Creek Valley until she moved to Centre County near Pennsylvania Furnace in 1923.

She is survived by one daughter and one son, Mrs. Madeline G. Hawn of Petersburg, R.D. and Ernest L. Gilliland of Washington, N.J. Also surviving are two grandchildren, Winifred C. Hawn and Edna Jean Hawn, both of Petersburg, R.D. Mrs. Gilliland was the last surviving member of a family of ten.

Early in life she united with the Bethel Presbyterian Church, near Petersburg, but in 1939 she transferred her membership to the Upper Spruce Creek Valley Presbyterian Church at Graysville.

Funeral services will be held at Temple's Funeral Home in Petersburg and interment in the Mooresville Cemetery.

(1947) **Ella Mabel Harman** died at her home in Petersburg on August 3, 1947 after an illness of six months.

Mrs. Harman was born on Nov. 16, 1889 near Manor Hill. She was united in marriage with Brown Harman in Bedford on Aug. 24, 1919.

Surviving are: her husband; two sons, Lawrence of Alexandria, R.D., and James of Petersburg, R.D.; one brother, Charles Johnston, Altoona; three half-brothers and three half-sisters, Ray Fitzgerald, Alexandria, R.D., Clyde Fitzgerald, Huntingdon, Reynold Fitzgerald, Alexandria, R.D., Mrs. Mary Mickles, Frankstown, Mrs. Oliver Bumbarger, Huntingdon, and Mrs. Charlotte Whitesel, Alexandria; and two grandchildren.

With the exception of 15 years spent in Centre County, Mrs. Harman as a resident of Shavers Creek Valley all her life, the past two years of which were spent in Petersburg. She was a member of the

Presbyterian Church at Graysville and the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church at Petersburg.

Funeral services will be held in the Presbyterian Church at Petersburg. The Rev. C.O. Anderson will officiate assisted by the Rev. Charles Stong. Interment will be in the Cedar Grove Cemetery.

(1947) **Sarah (Johnston) Griffin** of Spruce Creek Valley died on Sept. 7, 1947.

She was born on Nov. 17, 1881, in Sinking Valley, Blair County. She was a daughter of William H. and Susan (Foster) Johnston.

Surviving are one daughter, Sue Alice Griffin, at home, and one brother and five sisters: Bruce Johnston of Spruce Creek; Mrs. Anna Houck and Mrs. Katherine Gensimore of Spruce Creek; Mrs. Jennie Shultz of Irwin; Mrs. Margaret Stover and Mrs. Sue Harris, both of Tyrone.

The deceased was a member of the Graysville Presbyterian Church. She had been a resident of Spruce Creek Valley since she was four years old.

The funeral service will be held at her late home. The Rev. Ralph Illingworth will officiate and burial will be made in the Graysville Cemetery. Temple Funeral Service.

(1947) **Mary Ada Copley** died at her home in Pennsylvania Furnace Friday morning after an extended illness. She was born in Altoona, a daughter of John A. and Eliza Jan (Irvin) Copley. Surviving are one sister, Miss Cora Copley, at home; and several nieces and nephews. Miss Copley was a member of the Graysville Presbyterian church, the Missionary and Ladies Aid Societies.

(1948) **James E. Houck**, 17, of Seven Stars, Spruce Creek Valley, died in Altoona Hospital late yesterday afternoon, the second victim of a two-car, head-on crash near Tyrone, Wednesday night.

Clair Carper, 19, of Tyrone, driver of the other car in the fatal crash, died in the same hospital early Thursday morning shortly after he was admitted.

The 17-year-old Seven Stars youth never regained consciousness. A severe skull fracture was given as the cause of his death. Three other young men injured in the same accident remain in "fair" condition at Altoona Hospital. They are Charles, Fluke, 21, Huntingdon; Jack Snyder of Tyrone and Harry Wiser of Tyrone.

Houck was alone in his car at the time of the fatality. He was en route to his home from Juniata where he had visited his girl friend. The family car, a 1946 Chevrolet Fleetline sedan, which Houck was

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driving was demolished in the crash. Investigation continues into the crash which now has taken two lives.

Houck, a son of Joseph E. and Anna (Johnston) Houck, was born at Seven Stars on December 2, 1930. His father is a state director in the Inter-State Milk Producers' Association. Houck is survived by his parents and two brothers, Alvin J. Houck, 29, and Glenn Houck, 15 both at home. The paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Houck of Franklinville, also survive.

The youth was a member of the Presbyterian Church at Graysville. He was a Future Farmer, a member of the 4-H Club and a member of the Warriors Mark Grange. He was a popular young man and was graduated from Warriors Mark-Franklin High School the past Spring.

Funeral services will be held at the Church with the Rev. Charles W. Best, assisted by the Rev. Alfred Behrer, officiating. The body was prepared for burial by Bruce Cox, Warriors Mark.

(1949) **Hunter McWilliams (Mac) Musser** of Pennsylvania Furnace, died of infantile paralysis yesterday at the Geisinger Memorial Hospital in Danville.

The 15-year-old boy had been admitted to the institution a few hours before he succumbed to the disease. According to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Musser of Pennsylvania Furnace, their son became ill last Friday. He was examined in State College before being sent to the Danville institution for diagnosis and treatment yesterday.

Dr. Edith Nichols, in charge of polio cases at Geisinger, said after examining the boy that he had a "moderately severe" case of bulbar polio and was "very sick." with bulbar polio the throat becomes infected.

He was born Sept. 7, 1933 at Pennsylvania Furnace, a son of Ralph L. and Isabel (McWilliams) Musser. He is survived by his parents and two sisters: Mrs. Alex Johnston of Pennsylvania Furnace and Isabel Bea Musser at home.

The deceased would have entered the 10th grade of State College High School next month. Last year he attended Pine Grove Junior High and was graduated from the 9th grade.

Private funeral services will be held at the Koch Funeral Home in State College and interment will be made in the the Graysville Cemetery. The Rev. Charles W. Best of Pennsylvania Furnace will officiate.

The Musser family lives near the Huntingdon-Centre County line in Centre County.

(1950) **Katharine Johnson Gensimore**, of Graysville, died at the Philipsburg State Hospital Sept. 12, 1950. She had been ill for approximately one year.

Born in Drake's Branch, Va., Jan 6, 1875, she was a daughter of William H. and Susan Foster Johnson and was married Nov. 28, 1894, to Lewis D. Gensimore, who survives with the following children:

Mrs. Walter A. Houck, of Martinsburg; Mrs. Robert Shive, Lock Haven; Mrs. J. Earl Bickle, Pine Grove Mills; Mrs. Ira F. Woomer, Tyrone, and Edwin M. Gensimore, of Akron, Ohio.

Surviving brothers and sisters are Bruce Johnson, Mrs. Joseph Houck, and Mrs. Edwin Stove, of Spruce Creek, RD; Mrs. George Shultz, Irwin, Pa., and Mrs. W.N. Harris, Tyrone RD. There are 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Gensimore was a member of the Graysville Presbyterian Church and of Baileyville Grange.

Funeral services will be held at the Church with the Rev. Charles Best, assisted by the Rev. Eugene N. McCahan, officiating. Burial will take place in the Graysville cemetery.

(1950) **George T. McWilliams** of Pennsylvania Furnace died October 31, 1950, in the Philipsburg State Hospital..

He was born on October 16, 1864, in Pennsylvania Furnace, the son of William and Elizabeth (Sample) McWilliams, and on January 18, 1894 at Graysville, married Nora Woomer.

The deceased was a member of the Graysville Presbyterian Church and an elder in that church for 40 years.

Surviving are his wife, two children, Paul E. McWilliams, Sr., of Pennsylvania Furnace and I.H. McWilliams of Altoona, one sister, Mrs. Belle Goheen of Tyrone, and 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

He followed farming throughout life on the old homestead farm near Pennsylvania Furnace.

Funeral services will be held at the Church with the Rev. Charles W. Best officiating. Interment will be made in the Graysville Cemetery.

(1950) **Dr. George C. Lake, Sr.**, 74, retired Pittsburgh dentist and prominent farmer of Franklin Township, died early Sunday morning in the Philipsburg Hospital. He had been in failing health for some time. Dr. Lake, who was born in Washington County May 7, 1876, practiced dentistry for 33 years in Pittsburgh.

On April 13, 1923, Dr. Lake and his wife, Mrs.

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Jean B. Lake, purchased the large Greystone Farm in Franklin Township from Albert C. and Frank E. Grazier, where the Lakes have lived ever since. For the years immediately following Dr. Lake continued his offices in Pittsburgh commuting to Huntingdon County for the weekends, but 16 years ago relinquished his professional practice for the work of directing his farm.

Dr. Lake was graduated from Geneva College in 1898 and earned his dental degree three years later at the University of Pittsburgh.

Before moving to Huntingdon County, Dr. Lake was active in church work at the Mt. Lebanon United Presbyterian Church. Then he became affiliated with the Graysville Presbyterian Church in Spruce Creek Valley.

In politics, Dr. Lake was a staunch Republican.

Dr. Lake is survived by his widow, Jean Boyd Lake; three sons, Oliver R. Ingomar, Pa.; John C. and George C., Jr., twin sons who reside on Greystone Farm and eight grandchildren. Dr. Samuel Lake, dentist, of Tyrone, R.D.4 and James Lake, Franklin Township farmer, are nephews.

The funeral service will be held at the home Tuesday evening, in charge of his pastor, the Rev. Charles W. Best. Private interment will be made in Graysville Cemetery, Wednesday.

(1950) **Albert Royer Wilson** of Lock Haven, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 1950 at the Fitzgerald Nursing Home in Altoona.

He was born Feb. 11, 1903, at Graysville, a son of Samuel R. and Ida (Musser) Wilson. He was married in 1938, in Canada, to Miss Lillian Vemett. He had been engaged in the cattle business in Canada.

He is survived by his wife, three brothers and one sister, George W. of Bellwood, Ray G. of State College, Robert M. of Lock Haven and Mrs. Mary M. Mattern of Lancaster.

He was a member of the Graysville Presbyterian Church and Excelsior Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Morrisburg, Ont.

Funeral services were held at the Graysville Presbyterian Church. Interment in Graysville Cemetery.

(1951) **Joseph Elmer Houck**, 52, prominent Spruce Creek Valley farmer, died on April 7, 1951, at his home following an illness of 18 months.

He was a director in the Interstate Milk Producers Cooperative and a school director of the Warriors Mark-Franklin Township schools. He was also a member of the Warriors Mark Lions Club.

The deceased was born on June 28, 1898, in

Franklinville, the son of Frank E. and Rose (Reed) Houck. On January 18, 1919, he was united in marriage to the former Anna M. Johnston at Bedford.

He was a lifelong resident of Spruce Creek Valley and a member of the Graysville Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are his wife, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Houck of Franklinville, two sons, Alvin J. and Glenn E. Houck, both at home, and the following brothers and sisters: Walter Houck of Marklesburg, Jesse R. Houck of Akron, Ohio, William Houck and Mrs. George Hildebrand, both of Tyrone, and Mrs. John Sheppard of Franklinville. Four grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services will be held at the Church with Rev. Charles L. Best officiating. Interment will be made in the Graysville Cemetery. Cox Funeral Service, Warriors Mark.

(1952) **Arthur L. Miller** of Pennsylvania Furnace died at his home Sept. 17, 1952.

He was born March 4, 1864 at Rock Spring, son of Martin Luther and Emma L. Crane Miller. He was a lifelong resident at Pennsylvania Furnace.

Surviving are two brothers, Calvin C., Pittsburgh, and Newton, Pennsylvania Furnace, and a sister, Miss Myra Miller, Pennsylvania Furnace.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and a retired city employee of Altoona.

Funeral services will be held in the Church in charge of the Rev. Charles W. Best. Burial will be in Graysville Cemetery.

(1952) **Roy E. Peterson, Sr.**, of Spruce Creek died on Sept. 17, 1952, in the J.C. Blair Memorial Hospital. He had been in failing health for the past five years.

He was born at Shade Gap on June 20, 1892, the son of Alfred and Emma (Swan) Peterson. On March 3, 1920, he was united in marriage with Edna Shank at Warriors Mark.

His widow and these children survive: Lt. Robert Peterson, Camp LeJeune, N.C.; Mrs. Emma Mae Rung, Altoona; James and Roy, Jr., both of Spruce Creek, and Warren, of the U.S. Navy. Also surviving are two grandsons and these brothers and sisters: Denton of Penna. Furnace; Harry, Wellstone, Ohio; Owen, Miss Mary Peterson and Mrs. Mabel Behrer, all of spruce Creek.

The deceased was a member of the Graysville Presbyterian Church. He also belonged to the Odd Fellows Lodge of Pine Grove Mills. Mr. Peterson was a farmer by occupation.

The funeral service will be held at the Church. The Rev. Charles Best will officiate. Interment will

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be made in the Graysville Cemetery. Cox Funeral Home.

(1953) **Cyrus McWilliams Powley**, 75-year-old retired Pennsylvania Furnace farmer passed away in his sleep early Saturday morning. His lifeless body was discovered by his wife when she awoke about daylight.

Mr. Powley died of natural causes, probably a heart attack, Coroner E. Blair Shore decided following an investigation. The body was turned over to Cox's funeral home at Warriors Mark to be prepared for burial.

Powley retired a number of years ago when his wife's health failed, so that he might care for her. He was very faithful in this duty, and at midnight Friday he administered to his wife's needs, and he was apparently in good health at that time. His wife discovered he had passed away when she awoke in the morning. Unable to summon help due to her physical condition the death was not reported until about 11 o'clock when the Rev. Charles Best, pastor of the Graysville Presbyterian Church made a call. . .

Cyrus McWilliams Powley was born at Pennsylvania Furnace in April 1877, and was a son of John Henry Powley and Sarah (Gradey) Powley. He lived his entire life in Huntingdon and Centre Counties and for a number of years was a township supervisor in Centre County.

He was united in marriage on Nov. 3, 1903, at Warriors Mark to Myrtle Robinson. He was a member of the Methodist Church and also the Masonic fraternity at State College.

He is survived by his wife and three children: Mrs. Hazel Harpster of Altoona, Norman Powley of Williamsport and John Powley of Rock Springs. He is also survived by three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was the last survivor of his immediate family.

Funeral services will be held at the Baileyville Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Charles Best officiating. Interment will be made in the Graysville Cemetery. Cox Funeral Home.

(1954) **Estella M. Womer**, former State College resident, died at her home at Graysville, Jan. 1, 1954.

Born Sept. 30, 1884 in Ashton, Ill., she was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Gross. She was married to Harry E. Womer who died Oct. 20, 1939.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Thomas Leighty, Connellsville, Pa., and Mrs. John Waddell, Rochester, N.Y.; two half-sisters, Mrs. Arthur Loesch and Mrs. Alfred Lyle, both of State College; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church of Graysville and was past worthy matron of the Eastern Star and of the Amaranth.

Funeral services were held from the Koch Funeral Home, State College, with the Rev. Charles Best officiating. Interment in the Meyers Cemetery.

(1954) **Laura Myrtle Powley** of Pennsylvania Furnace died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hazel Harpster of Altoona at Feb. 13, 1954, after an extended illness.

She was born in Warriors Mark Valley, Sept. 27, 1883, daughter of Joseph and Anna (Simpson) Robison. She was married Nov. 3, 1903 to Cyrus M. Powley at Warriors Mark. She was a lifelong resident of Warriors Mark Valley. Her husband preceded her in death in 1953.

She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Hazel Harpster of Altoona; two sons, Norman of Williamsport and John of Pennsylvania Furnace; one brother, Clarence Robison of Baltimore; one half-sister, Mrs. Nellie McCully of Martinsburg; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was a member of Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church.

Funeral services will be held at the Baileyville Church in charge of the Rev. Charles Best assisted by the Rev. Ralph Illingworth. Interment in Graysville Cemetery. Cox Funeral Home.

(1954) **Paul W. Henry** of Spruce Creek R.D., Franklin Township, passed away June 19, 1954 at his home after a lengthy illness.

The deceased was born Feb. 22, 1899, in Graysville, a son of Wilson N. and Annie (Craine) Henry. He was united in marriage to Charlotte Graffius Dec. 19, 1939, at Altoona by the Rev. Mr. Taylor.

Henry was a member of the Graysville Presbyterian Church, and had been engaged in farming on the Henry homestead for the past sixteen years.

His wife and these sisters and brothers survive: Mrs. Clara Frank of Williamsburg, Mrs. Gertrude Boyd, Lincoln F. Henry, and Harry A. Henry, all of Bellwood, Roy C. Henry of Pine Grove Mills, Mrs. Helen States of Warriors Mark, Mrs. Winifred Dodd of Pine Grove Mills. One brother, J. Kelley Henry, and one sister, Mary A. Henry, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held in the Grove Funeral Home at Alexandria. The Rev. Charles Best, his pastor, will officiate and burial will be made in the Graysville Cemetery.

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(1955) **Lester D. Goheen** of St. Petersburg, Fla., died January 7, 1955 in the St. Anthony's Hospital, St. Petersburg. He had been in failing health for the past several years.

He was born Sept. 15, 1894 at Pennsylvania Furnace, the son of Robert G., and Nannie Belle McWilliams Goheen. On Aug. 19, 1922 in Pottstown, he married Hannah L. Marsh.

Surviving are the widow, a son, Robert; and two grandchildren of St. Petersburg; his mother, Mrs. Nannie Belle Goheen and a sister, Mrs. Betty Wyse of Tyrone.

He became a member of the Graysville Presbyterian Church when twelve years of age, transferring his membership later for the Presbyterian Church in St. Petersburg. He was a past master of the St. Petersburg lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, a member of the Tampa, Fla., Consistory and Shrine. He was president of the Pinealla Boy Scout Council. He had engaged in the real estate and insurance business in St. Petersburg for many years. He was a former member of Troop B, 104th Cavalry P.N.G.

(1955) **John Edgar Powley** of Pennsylvania Furnace, died suddenly at his home April 27, 1955.

The accidental death, according to Coroner John H. Weber of Centre County was caused when the man got up during the night and tripped, falling against a glass lamp. An artery in the man's neck was cut and his family and neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dean, were unable to stop the bleeding. A physician summoned from State College, arrived in a short time but the man had died, the coroner said.

Born June 8, 1916 in Ferguson Township, he was the son of Cyrus and Myrtle Robinson Powley. He was married to Betty Jane Poust who survives with one daughter, Elaine Ruth, at home. One sister, Mrs. Elwood Harpster, Altoona and one brother, Norman Powley; Williamsport, also survive.

He was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church where he was a trustee and superintendent of the Sunday School. He served as district director of youth work and was a member of the Baileyville Grange. He was a veteran of World War II.

Funeral services will be held from the Church with Rev. Charles W. Best and Rev. Ralph Illingworth officiating. Interment will be in the Graysville Cemetery. Koch Funeral Home, State College.

(1955) **Denton S. Peterson** died May 1, 1955 at his home. Born in Shade Gap Sept. 9, 1880, he was a son of Alfred S. and Emma (Swan) Peterson. He

was united in marriage to Helen J. Lytle at her home in Baileyville, Feb. 25, 1909.

A native of Huntingdon County, Mr. Peterson took an active interest in the public affairs of Huntingdon and Centre Counties. As a young man he taught school in Franklin Township. For many years he was an elder in the Presbyterian Church. He was also a member of Pine Grove Lodge, I.O.O.F. and Baileyville Grange.

He leaves his wife, two brothers: Harry L. of Wellston, Ohio, Owen of Spruce Creek; two sisters; Miss Mary E. Peterson and Mrs. R.E. Behrer, both of Spruce Creek. One brother, Roy E. preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held at the Church.

(1955) **J. Mac Goheen**, Tyrone, died at the Tyrone Hospital Aug. 21, 1955 following an extended illness.

He was born June 19, 1902 at Baileyville, the son of Robert G. and Nannie Belle McWilliams Goheen. On June 20, 1949 at Winchester, Va., he married Helen Bernice Irvin.

Surviving are the widow, his mother, a sister, Mrs. Betty Goheen Wyse, mother-in-law, Mrs. Florence Irvin, all of Tyrone, a daughter to a former marriage, Mrs. J.R. Miller, Buffalo, N.Y.; these step daughters; Mrs. Shirley Star, Tyrone R.D.3, Joyce Audrey and Martha Helen Cowher, at home.

He was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church, Tyrone Lodge No. 25, Loyal Order of Moose, and Tyrone Lodge No. 494, Free and Accepted Masons. He had followed the occupation of salesman.

Funeral services will be held in the Church in charge of the Rev. Dr. Robert L. Hutchinson. Burial will be in the Graysville Cemetery.

(1955) **William Ellsworth Wert**, custodian of the Spruce Creek Rod and Gun Club in Spruce Creek Valley, died Nov. 8, 1955 at the lodge.

Known as "Ellie" to members, he died of a heart attack after an illness of three years.

He was born at Graysville Jan. 2, 1904, the son of Isaac William and Carrie (Davis) Wert. He was married to Eleanor Brown, who survives, together with two daughters, Mrs. Ralph Schuey and Miss Donna Wert, both of Harrisburg; his mother and two sisters, Mrs. John Gilliland of Warriors Mark and Mrs. Roger Clapp of Spruce Creek. He was a member of the Graysville Presbyterian Church.

(1955) **Martha Seibert Goheen** of Pennsylvania Furnace died, suddenly at her home Dec. 12, 1955.

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Born Sept. 23, 1879 in Patton Township, she was the daughter of John and Mary Boal Seibert. She was married to Hamill Goheen, who died Sept. 14, 1934. She is survived by one son, George B. Goheen of Nichols, N.Y., and one daughter, Margaret, at home.

One sister, Mrs. Margaret Reynolds of Hollidaysburg, also survives.

She was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church.

Funeral services will be held from the Church with Dr. R.S. Caldwell of Bedford officiating. Interment will be made in the Graysville Cemetery. Koch Funeral Home.

(1955) **Margaret Reynolds**, guest at the Presbyterian Home for the Aged, Hollidaysburg, and former resident of Tyrone and Graysville, died at the Home Dec. 21, 1955 following an extended illness.

She was born Nov. 14, 1883 at Bellefonte, R.D., the daughter of John P. and Mary E. Boal Seibert. On June 1, 1898 at Buffalo Run, she married John M. Reynolds, who died Dec. 7, 1947. She was the last of her immediate family. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Funeral service will be held at the Glass Funeral Home, Tyrone in charge of the Rev. Dr. Robert L. Hutchinson. Burial will be in the Graysville Cemetery.

(1956) **Gertrude Miller** of Pennsylvania Furnace died at her home April 10, 1956. Born July 25, 1872 at Rock Springs, she was the daughter of John H. and Elizabeth Watt Miller. She is survived by one sister, Miss Maude E. Miller, Pennsylvania Furnace, and by eight nieces and one nephew.

She was a member of the Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church at Graysville, the Leonard Grange, a charter member of the Baileyville Grange and was president of the I Will Try Missionary Society for 30 years.

Funeral services will be held from the Church with the Rev. L. J. Beebe officiating. Interment will be in the Graysville cemetery.

(1956) **John E. Carnes** of Warriors Mark died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ryle Miller of Clearfield, Sept. 30, 1956, following an extended illness.

The deceased was born in Huntingdon County on March 19, 1875, a son of William and Anne Carnes. He was united marriage to Martha Rodkey in Huntingdon County on Dec. 25, 1897.

Mr. Carnes was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church. He was a lifelong resident of Warriors Mark and was a retired farmer.

Surviving are eight children, Mrs. Ryle Miller,

Clearfield; Mrs. C.G. Smith, Dowingtown; William H. Carnes, Bristol; George Carnes, Coatesville; Mrs. Joy McComsey, Modena; Mrs. Thomas Ewing, Crafton; Mrs. Lloyd McComsey, Christianity; John Carnes, U.S. Army.

Also surviving are a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Mae Steel of Tyrone; and one brother, George Carnes, also of Tyrone.

Funeral services will be at the Cox Funeral Home. The Rev. David Suetterlein will officiate and interment will be at Burket Cemetery.

(1957) **Ralph Judy**, 66, Spruce Creek Valley farmer died of a heart seizure February 26, 1957.

Mr. Judy went to his barn near Franklinville in the late afternoon and discovered that one of his valuable cows was dying by becoming entangled in the chain which was around her neck and fastened to the stall.

He tried to move the heavy animal and the excitement of the incident and the over-exertion brought on the illness. Mr. Judy started for the house and was stricken outside the dwelling, but members of the family succeeded in getting him inside and in bed. He passed away within twenty minutes after he was taken ill. A physician from Warriors Mark, who was summoned told Coroner E. Blair Shore that death was the result of a heart attack.

Judy followed farming as an occupation all his life, and had resided in Spruce Creek Valley for the past fifty years. He was widely known. Mr. Judy was born at Garrett, Somerset County, and was a son of George and Missouri Judy. He was born April 18, 1890.

He was united in marriage to Annie Deter of Spruce Creek Valley, who survives with two daughters: Miss Miriam Judy, at home, and Mrs. Elizabeth Townsend of Honolulu, Hawaii. He is also survived by two grandsons, Lonnie and Eddie Townsend, and the following brothers and sisters: Scott Judy of Lewisburg; Orpha (Mrs. Willis Weaver), Harriet (Mrs. Clark Harpster) and Theodore Judy, all of Pennsylvania Furnace; Verda (Mrs. Walter Dreibelbis) of Pine Grove Mills, and Ruth (Mrs. Randall Fitzgerald) of Alexandria. One son, Kenneth Judy, is deceased.

Funeral services will be held at Cox's Funeral Home in charge of the Rev. Ralph Illingworth. Interment will be made in the Graysville Cemetery.

(1957) **Linda E. Ritchey** of Franklinville died March 15, 1957 at her late home. Death followed an extended illness.

She was born on August 5, 1874 at Colerain

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Forge, a daughter of Thomas N. and Elizabeth Gates Riley. She was married to U.G. Ritchey on Sept. 22, 1898. He preceded her in death on Mary 14, 1899.

Mrs. Ritchey is survived by one sister, Mrs. John B. Griffith of Tyrone, and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was a member of the Graysville Presbyterian Church and served in Franklinville as a practical nurse for 30 years.

Funeral services will be held from the Graham and Getz Funeral home in Tyrone. The Rev. David F. Suetterlein will officiate with interment in the Seven Stars Cemetery.

(1957) **Nannie Belle McWilliams Goheen** formerly of Baileyville, died in the Woodhall Convalescent Home in Bellwood May 1, 1957.

Born April 19, 1867, at Graysville, she was the daughter of W.B. and Elizabeth Sample McWilliams. She was married to Robert G. Goheen who died Dec. 15, 1933. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth G. Wyse, Tyrone, and one granddaughter.

She was the oldest living member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church.

Funeral services will be held at the Church with Rev. David Suetterlein officiating. Interment will be in the Graysville cemetery. Koch Funeral Home.

(1957) **Mary Olive Archey**, a native of Spruce Creek Valley and a former resident of Graysville, passed away Sept. 12, 1957, at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoffman of Petersburg. The deceased had been in failing health for the past five years and she had resided in the Hoffman home for the past 2-1/2 years.

Mrs. Archey was born at Colerain on April 11, 1874, a daughter of Isaac and Regina (Rhodes) Woomer. She was united in marriage to John B. Archey, the ceremony being performed at Tyrone on April 23, 1891 by the Rev. Mr. Davies. Her husband preceded her in death on December 9, 1918.

She was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church.

Three daughters survive: Mrs. Luella Hoffman of Petersburg, Mrs. Edith Gates of Lewistown and Mrs. Regina Moyer of Springfield, Mass. Five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and these three sisters and two brothers also survive: Mrs. George McWilliams of Pennsylvania Furnace, Miss Belle Woomer of Altoona, Mrs. Herbert Lippencott of Maple Shade, N.J., J.K. Woomer of Altoona and E.K. Woomer of Tyrone. One brother and one sister preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be held at the Church. The Rev. David F. Suetterlein will officiate and interment will be made in Graysville Cemetery. Spyker Funeral Home, Petersburg.

(1957) **Benjamin (Harry) Brennan** of Pennsylvania Furnace died of a heart attack while en route on a vacation to Florida, Oct. 14, 1957.

Born June 3, 1882 at Fairbrook, Pa., he was the son of William and Emma Davis Brennan. He was married to Luella Irvin, who survives with one son, Robert I. Brennan of Pennsylvania Furnace; two half brothers, Hays McKelvey and Ralph McKelvey, both of Altoona; and two grandchildren.

Mr. Brennan, who retired as a machinist from the Pennsylvania Railroad in 1948, was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church.

Funeral services will be held from the Koch Funeral Home with Rev. David Suetterlein officiating. Interment will be in Graysville Cemetery.

(1957) **Edward S. Harpster**, Pennsylvania Furnace, died at the Briarly Manor Convalescent Home, Bellefonte RD, Nov. 8, 1957.

Born April 26, 1870, at Pennsylvania Furnace, he was the son of Alexander and Elizabeth Gates Harpster. He was married to Mary Marshall who died in 1926. Surviving children are:

H.L. Harpster and Charles Harpster, both of Pine Grove Mills; Mrs. James Poust, Clark Harpster, Earl Harpster, Mrs. Melvin Peters, Marshall Harpster and Jay Harpster, all of Pennsylvania Furnace; and Lee Harpster, Port Matilda RD. Also surviving are one sister, Mrs. Robert Roan of Bellefonte, 13 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

He was a member of the Graysville Presbyterian Church where funeral services were held with the Rev. David F. Suetterlein officiating. Interment followed in the Graysville Cemetery.

(1958) **Jean Boyd Lake** of Warriors Mark died March 8, 1958, at her late home. She had been ill for two months.

She was born November 27, 1878 at Mount Lebanon, a daughter of John Carnahan and Margaret Agnes Boyd. She was married Sept. 25, 1902, at Mount Lebanon to Dr. George Lake. He preceded her in death in 1950.

Mrs. Lake is survived by three sons, Oliver R. Lake, Pennsylvania Furnace; John C.B. Lake, Warriors Mark and George C. Lake, Jr., Warriors Mark. Also included in the immediate family are Dr. Samuel L. Lake, Warriors Mark; Thomas H. Lake,



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Lewistown; Robert D. Lake, Pitcairn, and John H. Lake, Pennsylvania Furnace. There are a number of grandchildren.

The deceased was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church and taught the Women's Bible class for more than 30 years.

Funeral services will be held at the Lake home. The Rev. David Suetterlein, will officiate. Interment will be made in the Graysville Cemetery under the direction of the Cox Funeral Service.

(1958) **Charles Bruce Johnston** of Alexandria, R.D. a longtime resident of the Spruce Creek Valley area, died April 7, 1958. He had been residing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clair Baney at Alexandria, R.D. He had been ill for some time.

He was born October 1, 1873, at Drakes Branch, Va., a son of William and Susan (Foster) Johnston. He was never married.

The deceased is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Jennie Shultz of Pittsburgh, Mrs. Sue Harris, Tyrone R.D.1, and Mrs. Anna Houck, Spruce Creek, R.D. Five sisters and two brothers preceded him in death.

He was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church, and the Tyrone IOOF. During his life Mr. Johnston was a farmer in the Spruce Creek area. He retired in 1941.

Funeral services will be held from the Clair Baney home. The Rev. Kenneth L. Duncan of the Alexandria Presbyterian Church will officiate. Interment will be made at the Graysville Cemetery, Spruce Creek, R.D. under the direction of the Grove Funeral Home, Alexandria.

(1958) **Warren Merle Behrer**, 24, a Huntingdon County native drowned in the Raystown Dam last evening when the home-made racing boat in which he was a passenger flipped over while making a turn. A companion, narrowly escaped death in the same tragedy.

The lifeless body of Warren Merle Behrer, State College was recovered by volunteer searchers at 8:45 last evening, just 45 minutes after the mishap.

Behrer, an Army veteran, is a native of Graysville, Huntingdon County. He was a son of Mrs. and Mrs. Chester W. Behrer of Graysville. His father is a well known farm implement dealer.

The deceased was born at Graysville on June 7, 1933, a son of Chester W. and Cora (Rumberger) Behrer. He was united in marriage on May 29, 1953 to Virginia Reed.

He had been employed by the Nittany Gas and Oil Company since 1952 except for two year spent in the Army, 1953-55. He was a member of the Upper

Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church. He was a member of the Moose Lodge at Bellefonte.

In addition to his parents and his wife, he is survived by one daughter, Cathy Elizabeth. He also is survived by three sisters and four brothers: Mrs. Marl Fisher, Tyrone, R.D.; Mrs. Kenneth David, Bellefonte; Mrs. Martin Ward, Bathallo, Ill. Charles Behrer, of Tyrone, R.D., Stanley Behrer, Warriors Mark, Donald Behrer, State College, R.D., and Derwood Behrer, Gary, Ind.

Funeral services will be held at the Church. The Rev. David Suetterlein will officiate and interment will be made in the Graysville Cemetery. Koch Funeral Home.

(1959) **Daniel Francis McMahon**, retired industrialist and dairy farm operator died in the Ketchikan General Hospital, Ketchikan, Alaska August 27 where he had been a patient for a week. He and his wife were on a tour of Alaska when he was taken suddenly ill aboard the Canadian-Pacific liner, "Princess Louise," August 20. The steamer returned to Ketchikan, where the nearest hospital was located. Death was caused by uremic poisoning.

His daughter, Nancy, (Mrs. John Pekruhn) of Pittsburgh, flew to Ketchikan to be with her mother and arrived just four hours before the death of her father.

Daniel Francis McMahon was born in Erie Oct. 14, 1886, a son of John J. and Anna (Bowers) McMahon. He was graduated from the Erie High School and attended Niagara University, Buffalo, N.Y.

Mr. McMahon had spent his entire business life in the refractories industry and in 1937 became president of the Quigley Company, Inc., N.Y., manufacturers of industrial paints and refractories products. He retired from active business in the fall of 1951 and the McMahons became permanent residents of the old ironmaster's home at Colerain, which they had purchased in 1943. Mr. McMahon had since managed his dairy farm at Seven Stars.

He was a member of the New York City Rotary Club and since his retirement had been a member of Tyrone Rotary.

He was married to Louise Olds January 10, 1910. Surviving are Mrs. McMahon and two daughters: Nancy, wife of John Pekruhn, Pittsburgh; and Susan, wife of John Acker, Collingswood N.J. Also surviving are: a sister, Miss Mary McMahon of Erie; three brothers: Louis, Maurice and Robert, all of Erie; three grandchildren: Constance Acker, Susan and John Pekruhn.

Funeral services will be held at his late home.

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Burial will be in the cemetery at Graysville in charge of the Cox Funeral Service.

(1959) **Cora Belle Behrer** of Graysville died Saturday, Oct. 31, 1959 at the J.C. Blair Memorial Hospital. Her death followed a brief illness.

She was born Nov. 27, 1896 at Warriors Mark, R.D., a daughter of George and Della (Cupp) Rumberger. She was married May 22, 1917, to Chester W. Behrer at Warriors Mark. Her husband survives along with three daughters, Mrs. Helen Fisher of Sinking Valley, Mrs. Fay Ward of Bethalto, Ill., and Mrs. Roxy Davis of Bellefonte and four sons, Charles Behrer of Huntingdon Furnace, Stanley Behrer of Warriors Mark, Derwood Behrer of Baileyville and Donald Behrer of State College. There are 17 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Also surviving are three brothers, Blaine Rumberger of Warriors Mark, R.D., Carl Rumberger of Altoona, R.D., and George Rumberger of Corapolis, and one sister, Mrs. Vera Bickle of Dix Run.

She was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church.

Funeral services will be held at the Church. The Rev. Donald R. Davis will officiate. Interment will be made in the Graysville Cemetery.

(1960) **Willis R. Heichel**, 48, of Graysville died Jan. 20, 1960, shortly after being admitted to the Philipsburg State Hospital. Heichel, a native of Karthaus, had been in ill health for some time.

He was born at Karthaus March 28, 1911, a son of David J. and Maude Heichel. He was married to the former Mary Hertlein in 1944.

Mr. Heichel is survived by his wife and five children, Dorothy, Barbara, Myrtle, John and James all at home; a stepson, Kenneth Hoffman, with the U.S. Army in California; his parents who now live at Tyrone, R.D., and the following brothers and a sister: Blaine, Charles and Mrs. Albert Light, all of Oxford, Mich.; Walter Croft; Glenn and Carl, Tyrone R.D.

(1960) **Allen Michael Moser** of Spruce Creek, R.D., well known poultryman, passed away April 18, 1960, at his late home. He death was unexpected.

He was born July 5, 1909, at Tyrone, a son of Allen M. and Pearl (Snyder) Moser. He was married to Judith Elizabeth Morder at Cumberland, Md., on January 1, 1941.

His wife is surviving. Mr. Moser was the last surviving member of his immediate family.

The deceased had been a resident of the Spruce Creek Valley area for the past 19 years. He owned

and operated the business, Moser's Dressed Poultry. He was a member of the Graysville Presbyterian Church and State College Lodge No. 700 F and AM, Scottish Rite Consistory of Williamsport.

Funeral services will be held from Grove's Funeral Home in Alexandria. The Rev. Donald R. Davis, will officiate. Interment will be made in the Graysville Cemetery.

(1960) **Theodore R. Horner**, Pine Grove Mills, died in the Centre County Hospital April 26, 1960.

Born Sept. 13, 1913, in Patton Township, Centre County, he was the son of Leslie C. and Clara Dean Horner. He was married to Marjorie DeLong, who survives with two children, David and Kaye both at home. Two brothers, Doyle Horner, Boalsburg; Harold, Pine Grove Mills; and three sisters, Mrs. Thomas Spicer, Boalsburg; Mrs. Hugh McClintic, Pine Grove Mills; Mrs. Calvin Bathurst, Bellefonte, also survive.

He was a member of the Graysville Presbyterian Church.

Funeral services will be held from the Koch Funeral Home with Rev. John W. Davis officiating. Interment will be in the Pine Grove Mills Cemetery.

(1960) **Lulu R. Irvin**, 68, Camp Hill, R.D. 1, died in the Harrisburg Hospital Mary 24, 1960 following an illness of several weeks.

She was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church at Graysville.

Survivors include her husband, Clarence L. Sr.; a daughter, Mrs. Geraldine Madrak, New Briton, Conn.; a son, Clarence L. Jr., Lemoyne; a sister, Mrs. Jennie Fehl, and a brother, Byron Disinger, both of Harrisburg. There are also four grandchildren.

(1960) **Katherine Kreamer Rupp**, of Graysville, formerly of State College, died at her home, November 22, 1960.

Born April 4, 1905, in Jerseytown, Pa., she was the daughter of Evan and Hattie Smith Kreamer. She was married June 18, 1924, to Chester M. Rupp, who survives with one son, Chester M. Rupp, jr., of Avery, Idaho, and one grandchild.

She was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church, State College Amranth, and Order of Eastern Star, Bellefonte.

Funeral services were held in the Church. Rev. Donald Davis and Rev. J. G. Rigby officiated and interment was in the Graysville Cemetery.

(1961) **Bertha Ellenberger Frank** of Warriors Mark, R.D., died in the Centre County Hospital on

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March 26, 1961.

Mrs. Frank sustained serious injuries in a head on crash of two automobiles on the Gatesburg-Warriors Mark Highway, Legislative Route 31047, on March 23, 1960, and for a number of months was a patient in the Tyrone Hospital. She was later removed to the Centre County Hospital, where she underwent an operation in February.

Mrs. Frank was a passenger in a 1956 Chevrolet sedan operated by her sister, Mrs. Bessie Stroup of Warriors Mark, when she sustained the injury. Elmer E. Knoll of R.D., Warriors Mark, was the operator of the other car involved. The vehicles met almost head on in the mishap, 4.2 miles north of Warriors Mark.

An autopsy was performed yesterday, which revealed that death was due to peritonitis, with the injuries sustained in the auto accident as a contributing factor.

Born June 19, 1902, in Marengo, she was the daughter of Henry and Annie Farber Ellenberger. She was married to J. Basil Frank, Sr., who survives with these children: Basil Frank, Jr., and John H. Frank, both of Bellefonte, R.D.; Miss Mae Frank and Mrs. Harry Fye, both of State College; Edward Frank, Aliquippa; Miss. Mary Waltz, at home.

Surviving brothers and sisters are Mrs. Carrie Barto, Mrs. Minnie Johnson, Mrs. Bessie Stroup and Harry Ellenberger, all of Warriors Mark, R.D.; Howard Ellenberger, Howard; Ralph Ellenberger, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Mrs. Mary Neidigh, Bellefonte, R.D. Nine grandchildren also survive.

She was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church and the Rebekah Lodge of State College.

(1961) **Jessie Blanch Reed Everhart**, a resident of Warriors Mark for the past 18 years, died at her home there June 4, 1961. She had not been ill and her death was unexpected.

Born February 4, 1884, at Stormstown, she was a daughter of John T. and Sophia (Crust) Reed. She was married March 17, 1910, at Spruce Creek to Ben Everhart. Survivors include her husband, a daughter, Mrs. Josephine Hanna, of Hamden, Conn., four grandchildren and a brother Robert Reed of Pennsylvania Furnace. A daughter preceded her in death in 1946.

She was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church, The Gleaners Sunday School Class, the Woman's Society of Christian Service and of the Warriors Mark Fire Company Auxilliary.

(1961) **Richard Herl Poust**, Pennsylvania Furnace, died at his home Friday.

Born March 24, 1876 in Pine Summit, Lycoming County, he was the son of Ellis and Mary Kustenbauder Poust. He was married Nov. 14, 1901, to Matilda E. Rudy, who survives with three sons, James H. Poust and William R. Poust, both of Pennsylvania Furnace; and Fred Poust, State College. One brother, Howard W. Poust, Wilkinsburg, nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren also survive.

He was a member of the Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church.

Funeral services will be held at the Koch Funeral Home with Rev. Donald R. Davis officiating. Interment will be in the Graysville cemetery.

(1961) **Theodore R. Judy**, 51, Pennsylvania Furnace, died on the Gatesburg Road in Centre County yesterday at 10 a.m. while hunting. Centre County Coroner W. Robert Neff attributed death to a heart attack.

Mr. Judy was born in Pennsylvania Furnace, Sept. 10, 1910, a son of George and Missouri Christner Judy. On Sept. 10, 1930, he married Bernice M. Strayer at Pine Grove Mills.

He was a lifelong resident of Pennsylvania Furnace and was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church. He was employed by the University.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Donald R., Boalsburg, and Robert E., at home; a daughter Barbara E., at home; two grandchildren; a brother, Scott, Lewisburg, four sisters, Mrs. Orpha Weaver and Mrs. Harriet Harpster, Pennsylvania Furnace; Mrs. Verda Dreibelbis, Pine Grove Mills, and Mrs. Ruth Fitzgerald, Alexandria.

Funeral services will be held at the Church. Rev. Donald R. Davis will officiate and interment will be at Graysville cemetery.

(1961) **Mary Ruth Frank** of Pennsylvania Furnace died in the Centre County Hospital Dec. 23, 1961.

Born March 13, 1894 at Pennsylvania Furnace, she was married to C. Edward Frank who survives, with these brothers and sisters: Thomas, Daniel G. and Lee Frank, all of State College; Basil Frank, Warriors Mark; Mrs. Edith Orndorf, Millheim; Glenn Frank, Howard; Mrs. Elwood Wolfe, Spring Mills.

She was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church, the Baileyville Grange and the Rebekah Lodge of Pine Grove Mills.

Funeral services were held from the Baileyville Church with Rev. Donald Davis officiating. Interment was in the Graysville cemetery.

(1962) **Jay Allen Woomer**, three-year-old son of

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Mr. and Mrs. John Woomer of Pennsylvania Furnace, died unexpectedly at State College on June 6, 1962.

The deceased was born in Huntingdon on Feb. 25, 1959, a son of John and Marjorie (Barkman) Woomer.

He attended the Upper Spruce Creek Valley Presbyterian Church.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by two brothers and one sister: Roger, 8; Anita, 6, and Eddie, 4. The maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Barkman of Tyrone, and the paternal grandfather, Ed Woomer of Tyrone, also survive.

Funeral services will be held at the Church. The Rev. Donald R. Davis will officiate and interment will be made in the Graysville Cemetery.

(1962) **Robert W. Reed** of Rock Spring, Pennsylvania Furnace, passed away at the Centre County Hospital in Bellefonte on June 26, 1962.

He was born in Huntingdon County on December 26, 1872, the son of James T. and Sophia (Crust) Reed. On Oct. 7, 1915, he was united in marriage with Margaret J. Parsons.

His wife and one son, Paul Reed, both of Rock Springs, survive, along with one granddaughter.

Mr. Reed was a retired farmer. For the past seven years he had been the assessor for Ferguson Township. He was a member of the Baileyville Grange. He had been an active member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church having served as an elder of that church from 1938 until the time of his death. At the time of his passing he was also serving as clerk of the sessions.

The funeral service will be held at the Church. The Rev. Donald R. Davis and the Rev. Charles Best will officiate. Interment will be made in the Graysville Cemetery.

(1962) **Bertha Brown** of Altoona, a native of Pennsylvania Furnace, died August 22, 1962. Her death followed an extended illness.

She was born October 11, 1882, at Pennsylvania Furnace, a daughter of William and Amanda (Fox) Irvin. She was married to William H. Brown and he preceded her in death of November 27, 1954.

Surviving are five children: William R. and Mrs. Harry McClellan, both of Altoona, Robert M. of Newry, George C. of Tyrone and Mrs. Eleanor Wert of Spruce Creek. There are 26 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren. Also surviving is one sister, Mrs. Harry Brennan of Pennsylvania Furnace.

She was a member of the Graysville Presbyterian Church. Funeral services will be held from the Lafferty funeral home at 2309 Broad Avenue,

Altoona. The interment will be made in the Graysville Presbyterian Cemetery.

(1962) **Charles Edward Frank** of Pennsylvania Furnace, died at his home on October 20, 1962.

He was born August 21, 1890, at Pennsylvania Furnace, a son of Thomas and Ellen (Shaw) Frank. He was married to Mary Ruth Emeigh, and she preceded him in death on December 23, 1961. He was the last surviving member of his immediate family.

He was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church and the IOOF of Pine Grove Mills.

Funeral services will be held from the Koch Funeral Home in State College. The Rev. Robert McLaughlin will officiate. Interment will be made in the Graysville Cemetery.

(1962) **Edna S. Peterson** of Seven Stars, Spruce Creek R.D., died Nov. 21, 1962, in the Altoona Hospital, after having been ill, since Sunday.

She was born at Warriors Mark on March 3, 1884, a daughter of John and Ida (Grazier) Shank and married Roy Peterson, who died 10 years ago.

Surviving are five children, Robert G. of Glendora, Calif., Mrs. Emma Rung of Altoona, James C., with whom she resided, Warren of Spruce Creek and Roy of Alexandria, 15 grandchildren and a brother Royal of Takoma Park, Md.

She was a member of the Graysville Presbyterian Church, Sunday School and Missionary Society.

Services were held this Friday afternoon at the Church by the Rev. Donald R. Davis. Interment was made in the church cemetery.

(1962) **John H. Strayer** of Pennsylvania Furnace died in the Jefferson Hospital at Philadelphia on November 26, 1962.

He was born August 19, 1920, at Gatesburg, a son of Robert and Maude (DeArmitt) Strayer. He was married to Margaret Snyder of March 14, 1946 in Tyrone.

His wife survives along with his mother of Warriors Mark, R.D., and one son, John and one daughter, Jeannie, at home. Also surviving are three brothers, Robert and Eugene of Warriors Mark, R.D., and Samuel of Howard and two sisters, Mrs. Bernice Judy of Pennsylvania Furnace and Mrs. Charles Behrer of Tyrone, R.D. 4.

He was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church. He was a member of the Blazing Arrow Hook and Ladder Fire Company of Tyrone and the LOOM of Tyrone. Mr. Strayer was a



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Funeral services will be Thursday from the Church. The Rev. Donald R. Davis will officiate. Interment will be made in the Graysville Cemetery.

(1963) **Ella Nearhoof Oliver** of Spruce Creek passed away, Jan. 7, 1963, in the Philipsburg State Hospital.

The deceased was born at Warriors Mark on March 19, 1892, a daughter of Levi and Emma Nearhoof. She was united in marriage on Sept. 28, 1926 to James S. Oliver, Sr.

She was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Valley Presbyterian Church and the Order of Eastern Star No. 288, Tyrone.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons and one daughter: James S. Oliver, Jr., of Hollidaysburg; Robert Oliver, of Spruce Creek and Mrs. James (Elizabeth Jane) Lake of Pennsylvania Furnace. Seven grandchildren also survive, along with one sister, Mrs. Margaret Peters, Philipsburg.

Funeral services will be held at the Church. The Rev. Donald R. Davis will officiate and interment will be made in the Graysville Cemetery.

(1963) **Mabel (Peterson) Behrer** of Pennsylvania Furnace passed away in the Tyrone Hospital February 21, 1963 after an extended illness.

She was born in Neelyton on January 8, 1888, the daughter of Alfred S. and Emma (Swan) Peterson. On April 29, 1920, she was united in marriage with Reuben E. Behrer at Pennsylvania Furnace. Most of her life was spent in Spruce Creek Valley.

Her husband survives along with these children: Mrs. Nellie Jane Baney of Pennsylvania Furnace; Alfred E. Behrer of Taylor Ridge, IL and John C. Behrer, Spruce Creek. There are eleven grandchildren and one sister and one brother: Mary E. Peterson and Harry L. Peterson, both of Wellston, Ohio.

Mrs. Behrer was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church where she had taught a Sunday School class for thirty years. The funeral service will be at the Church. The Rev. Donald R. Davis will officiate and interment will be made in the Graysville Cemetery.

(1963) **Ward K. Gramley** of Pennsylvania Furnace died February 22, 1963, in the Altoona Hospital following a brief illness.

He was born at Oak Hall, March 4, 1892, a son of Thomas and Susan (Kerlin) Gramley, and was married

to Edith Irvin in Trinity Lutheran Church, Juniata in 1914.

Surviving are his wife and two children, Donald of Greenwood and Mrs. William Welsh of Baltimore, Md.; also three grandchildren, and these brothers and sisters, John, Maxwell, Mrs. George Shaffer and Miss Donna, all of Altoona.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Juniata, for many years and more recently attended Graysville Presbyterian Church. He retired as a foreman in the Juniata locomotive shops in October 1957 with 45 years service.

(1963) **Ebenezer Augustus (Ebby) Carper**, 21, was found dead early Sunday morning, May 26, 1963, by his father, Edward B. Carper of Spruce Creek, R.D., near Seven Stars.

The young man, operator of his father's 80-acre farm, had taken his own life. Death was due to a gunshot wound of the head. The shooting took place outside the barn near the milkhouse shortly after he had started to do his daily chores. The father discovered his son's lifeless body when he went to the barn about 6 a.m.

The deceased was born in Altoona on June 20, 1951, a son of Edward Brooks and Ruth Naomi (Shyster) Carper. He was the youngest of nine children. He was graduated from Tyrone Area High School on June 3, 1959. He attended the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church at Graysville.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by five sisters and three brothers: Mrs. Jack (Marian) Brown, Franklinville; Mrs. Elizabeth Confer, Orviston; Mrs. Joanne Jones, York; Mrs. Calvin (Doris) Miller, Franklinville; Mrs. Wilbur (Donna) Baughman, Warriors Mark; Robert E. Carper, Franklinville; Earl L. Carper, Tacoma Park, Md., and Gilbert L. Carper, Spruce Creek. Twenty-one nieces and nephews also survive.

Private funeral services will be at the Cox funeral home at Warriors Mark. The Rev. Stephen Margush and the Rev. Donald R. Davis will officiate and interment will be made in the Franklinville Cemetery.

(1963) **Newton B. Miller**, of Baileyville, Pennsylvania Furnace, passed away April 30, 1963 at his home following an extended illness.

The deceased was born on June 27, 1872, at Rock Springs, Centre County, the son of Martin L. and Emily (Craine) Miller. He was united in marriage to Mary Dale who preceded him in death.

Mr. Miller was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church. A resident of Baileyville

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Creek Presbyterian Church. A resident of Baileyville for the past 25 years, he was a retired Pennsylvania Railroad engineer for the Middle Division.

Surviving are a daughter in Ohio and one sister, Miss Myra Miller, of Pennsylvania Furnace.

The funeral service will be held at the Cox Funeral Home, Warriors Mark. Officiating will be his pastor, the Rev. Donald R. Davis and interment will be made in the Graysville Cemetery.

(1964) **William Wilson Gardner** of Pennsylvania Furnace died at his home January 15, 1964.

The deceased was born on September 2, 1896 in Graysville, the son of William G. and Margaret (McWilliams) Gardner.

Surviving are a brother, Boyd M. Gardner, Rockford, Illinois, and a sister, Mary E. Gardner, Pennsylvania Furnace. Also surviving are three nephews.

Mr. Gardner was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church.

Funeral services will be held in the Koch Funeral Home. The Rev. William F. McClain will officiate. Interment will be made in the Graysville Cemetery.

(1964) **Mary Stiver Carper** of Franklinville died March 24, 1964 at her home. Death was unexpected.

Born on January 1, 1892 at Franklinville, she was the daughter of John Warren and Elizabeth (Riley) Stiver. She married William F. Carper on December 30, 1916 at Tyrone.

Her husband survives, along with the following children: Warren F., Harry R., and Mary Elizabeth, all at home. Also surviving are a brother, Thomas N., and a sister, Anna Stiver, both at Tyrone, R.D. 4.

Mrs. Carper was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church. The funeral service will be held from the Cox Funeral Home in Warriors Mark. The Rev. Clayton Fairo will officiate and interment will be made in the Franklinville Cemetery.

(1964) **Isabel M. Musser** of Rock Springs, Pennsylvania Furnace, died in the Centre County Hospital on Thursday morning, October 1, 1964.

The deceased was born at Reedsville on November 22, 1892, a daughter of William E. and Anna (Goheen) McWilliams. She was united in marriage to Ralph L. Musser.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Alex E. Johnston, Pennsylvania Furnace and Mrs. William E. Taylor, Carrollton, Md. Six grandchildren and one brother, Harold McWilliams of Johnstown, also survive.

She was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church, and she also attended University Bible Church at State College.

Funeral services will be held at the Koch Funeral Home. The Rev. A.C. Clever will officiate and interment will be made in the Graysville Cemetery.

(1965) **Robert Hamill Goheen**, a well known farmer of Ferguson township, died at his home at Baileyville, last Friday, following an illness of six months with a complication of diseases.

He was a son of the late John B. and Mary Ann Bailey Goheen and was born on the farm, near Baileyville, sixty years ago. He occupied the old homestead near Baileyville, and, in addition to farming, devoted a portion of his time to drilling wells. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church at Graysville, and a good citizen. On March 22, 1905, he married Miss Martha Seibert who survives with two children, George and Margaret, both at home. He also leaves one brother and three sisters, Dr. George B. Goheen, of Coalport, and the Misses Lettie G., Anna M. and Nora L., at home.

Funeral services were held in the Presbyterian Church, at Graysville, by the Rev. Samuel R. Brown, burial being made in the Graysville cemetery.

(1965) **Hazel W. Gilliland**, 58, of Warriors Mark died November 1, 1965 at her home. Death followed an illness of seven years' duration.

Born August 14, 1907, in Graysville, she was a daughter of I.W. and Carrie (Davis) Wert. She was united in marriage to John L. Gilliland in 1927 at Cumberland, Md. She had been a resident of Warriors Mark for 35 years.

Surviving and her husband; one daughter, Mrs. LaRue G. Brown, Harrisburg and two sons: William L. Gilliland, Tyrone and John Galen Gilliland, Warriors Mark. There are five grandchildren. Also surviving is one sister, Mrs. Gladys Clapp of California.

The deceased was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church at Graysville and attended the Warriors Mark Methodist Sunday School. She belonged to the Missionary Society of the Warriors Mark Methodist Church.

She attended both Shippensburg and Indiana State Teachers Colleges and had taught school in Franklin Township, Huntingdon County in 1926 and 1927.

(1965) **Maude Elizabeth Miller** of Pennsylvania Furnace died at her home, "The Glades Farm" today (11/20/65).

Miss Miller, a retired school teacher and active in

political, welfare, farming and church work in the County for many years, was born in Ferguson Township, Centre County, on March 27, 1889, the daughter of John H. and Sara Elizabeth Watt. Her only survivors are eight nieces.

Miss Miller taught in the schools of Centre and Huntingdon counties for many years. She was president of the Child Welfare Office of Centre County and active in the Democratic Party all her life.

She was the only woman to serve as chairman of the Democratic party of Centre County and served as vice-chairman of the County Democratic Committee.

She devoted many years in working with the Centre County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and in July of this year was honored by the March of Dimes group at its annual meeting.

(1966) **Bessie Bell Homer**, 66, of Pennsylvania Furnace, died February 19, 1966, in the Tyrone Hospital following a brief illness.

Born April 27, 1899, in Altoona, she was a daughter of Harry and Mary E. (Horton) Bell. She was united in marriage on September 20, 1924, at Altoona to Earl W. Homer, who survives.

She had been a resident of Pennsylvania Furnace for the past three years and had formerly resided in Rochester.

Also surviving are the following brothers: Charles and Edward Bell, Altoona; John and Filmore Bell, Rochester, N.Y. and Myrl Bell, St Charles, Missouri and several nieces and nephews.

The deceased was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church

She belonged to the auxiliaries to the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen No. 124 and to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Enginemen No. 91.

Funeral services will be held from the Graham and Getz Funeral Home at Tyrone. The Rev. Claude Clever will officiate and interment will be made in Graysville Cemetery.

(1966) **Alex Everhart Johnston**, 52 year old Pennsylvania Furnace implement dealer, who died Sunday, January 30, at 11:45 a.m. in the Tyrone Hospital, gave his life in perhaps saving the lives of three Tyrone area residents.

Johnston was plowing along Route 45 near Graysville when he came up a car which had slid off the road, its exhaust pipe buried in the snow. Inside were Mrs. Diane Calvas, 22; her son, Lewis, 4 and her daughter, Tina, 11 months. All were exposed to deadly carbon monoxide fumes from the trapped exhaust.

Johnston got the trio out of the car and took them to Tyrone Hospital where they are presently listed in fair condition. Shortly after bringing the woman and her children into the hospital, Johnston suffered the heart attack which killed him.

He had been a school director for the Tyrone area schools for 12 years, was a director of the Tyrone Hospital, and was both a trustee and an elder of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church of which he was a member.

Born December 3, 1913, in Pinecroft, Blair County, he was a son of Edwin and Martha (Everhart) Johnston. He was united in marriage to Anna Jane Musser, who survives along with two sons, Edwin L. Johnston and David M. Johnston, both a home.

Also surviving are three brothers: William Johnston, Warriors Mark; John F. Johnston, Huntingdon and E. Ben Johnston, Pennsylvania Furnace.

Funeral services will be held at the Church. The Rev. A. Claude Clever will officiate. Interment will be made in the Graysville Cemetery.

(1966) **Orpha May Weaver** of Pennsylvania Furnace died in the Philipsburg Hospital on Sunday (4/10/66).

Born Sept. 24, 1898, in Garret, Somerset County, Pa., she was the daughter of George and Missouri Christner Judy. She was married to Willis E. Weaver, who survives with these children.

George E. Weaver, Wichita, Kan.; Paul D. Weaver, Fresno, Calif.; Mrs. Richard Heidecker, Baltimore, Md.

Surviving brothers and sister are Mrs. Clark Harpster, Pennsylvania Furnace; Mrs. Walter Dreibelbis, Pine Grove Mills; Mrs. Reynolds Fitzgerald, Alexandria, Pa., and Scott Judy, Lewisburg. Also surviving are six grandchildren.

She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge of Pine Grove Mills, the Baileyville Grange and the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church where funeral services will be held.

Rev. A. Claude Clever will officiate, and interment will be in the Graysville Cemetery.

(1966) **Ray G. Wilson** of Pine Grove Mills died in the Centre County Hospital June 27, 1966.

Born Aug. 4, 1898, in Graysville, he was the son of Samuel and Ida Musser Wilson. He was married to Helen E. Bloom, who survives, with two brothers, Robert Wilson, Mill Hall, and George Wilson, Bellwood; and one sister, Mrs. Mary Mattern, Lancaster.

He was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek



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Presbyterian Church and was a machine operator at Offset Centre, Boalsburg.

(1966) **Nora L. Goheen** of Pennsylvania Furnace died in the Presbyterian Home of Philipsburg, August 18, 1966.

Born Aug. 12, 1882, in Ferguson Township, she was the daughter of John B. and Mary Ann Bailey Goheen. She is survived by one niece, Miss Margaret Goheen, Pennsylvania Furnace.

She was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church.

Funeral services will be held at the Koch Funeral Home with Rev. John Martin officiating. Interment will be in the Graysville cemetery.

(1966) **Myra A. Miller**, formerly of Pennsylvania Furnace, died at the Presbyterian Home at Hollidaysburg on Wednesday, August 31, 1966.

She had been a guest at the home since November 2, 1963. She was born November 27, 1881, in Centre County, a daughter of Martin L. and Emily (Craine) Miller. Prior to entering the home, she had been a lifelong resident of Pennsylvania Furnace.

Surviving is a niece, Anna Edna Kerr of Pittsburgh.

Miss Miller was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church.

Funeral services will be held from the Cox Funeral Home in Warriors Mark. The Rev. John P. Martin and the Rev. Claude Clever will officiate. Interment will be made in the Graysville Cemetery.

(1966) **Mary Ellen Peterson**, 83, formerly of Pennsylvania Furnace died October 11, 1966 in the United Presbyterian Home in Hollidaysburg.

Born May 6, 1883, in Shade Gap, she was a daughter of Alfred S. and Marian Emma (Swan) Peterson. Surviving are a brother, Harry Peterson of Wellstone, Ohio and several nieces and nephews.

The deceased was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church and belonged to the Naomi Circle of the Women's Association. She retired after 35 years of teaching in Allensville, Franklinville, Spruce Creek and Graysville.

Funeral services will be held from the Church. The Rev. A. Claude Clever will officiate and interment will be made in Graysville Cemetery.

(1967) **Margaret F. Gorman**, 61, of Franklinville, Spruce Creek, R.D., died April 19, 1967 at home after an extended illness.

She was born on October 1905, in Saxton, A daughter of Jess and Gertrude Hoffman and was united

in marriage to Ernest Gorman on Sept. 12, 1925.

Surviving are her husband and two sons; William Gorman, Tipton, Ernest Gorman of Tyrone and five grandchildren.

Also surviving are two sisters: Mrs. Thelma Thomas, Pittsburgh and Mrs. Ann Evans, Monroeville.

She was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church, and was serving as tax collector for Franklin Township at the time of her death. She had been a resident of the valley for the past 35 years.

Funeral services will be held from the Church with the Rev. A. Claude Clever officiating. Interment will be made in the Graysville Cemetery.

(1967) **Thomas Edward Behrer**, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Behrer of Spruce Creek died in a farm accident on June 5, 1967. The deceased, born Nov. 19, 1960, is survived by his parents, John C. and Bernice (Rider) Behrer; one brother, Michael, and two sisters, Ruth Ann and Nancy, all at home. and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Rider of Stormstown and Reuben Behrer of Pennsylvania Furnace.

Funeral services will be held at the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church on Thursday, June 8. Rev. A. Claude Clever will officiate and interment will follow in the Graysville Cemetery. Cox Funeral Home.

(1968) **Blair C. Burkett**, Spruce Creek, died Saturday at the J.C. Blair Memorial Hospital, Huntingdon, after an extended illness.

He was born Sept. 27, 1880 at Warriors Mark, a son of Howard and Sally Livingston Burkett. He was married Dec. 29, 1903 at Alexandria, to Mary Myers.

Surviving are the widow, the following sons and daughter: Mrs. Helen Bennett, at home; David H. and Norman C., both of Akron, Ohio; also six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. A son preceded him in death. Also surviving are the following brother and sisters: Walter, of Tyrone; Mrs. Tillie Garman and Mrs. Florence Wallace, both of Akron, Ohio; Mrs. Alma Aurand, Huntingdon; two brothers preceded him in death.

He was a member of the Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church and a former treasurer of the church. He was a tax collector for Spruce Creek for 40 years. He was a self-employed blacksmith, retiring about 15 yrs ago.

Funeral service was held at the Johnson Funeral Home in charge of the Revs. Kenneth Mapstone and Ralph Illingsworth. Burial will be in Presbyterian Cemetery, Alexandria.

(1968) **Mrs. Daniel F. McMahon** of "Colerain,"

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Spruce Creek Valley, died unexpectedly May 15, 1968, in Pittsburgh at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Pekruhn.

Mrs. McMahon was born in Erie on Jan. 1, 1887, a daughter of William C. Olds and Mary Brown Olds. She was educated at the Erie schools and at the Grier School (then the Birmingham School).

She was married on Jan. 10, 1910 to Daniel Francis McMahon of Erie who preceded her in death.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. John Pekruhn of Pittsburgh and Mrs. John Acker of Matawan, N.J. Three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren also survive.

Friends may call this Friday afternoon and evening at "Colerain" where funeral services will be held, followed by interment in the Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery at Graysville.

(1968) **James Sterrett Oliver**, 77, widely-known farmer and lifelong resident of Spruce Creek Valley, died December 30, 1968 in the Presbyterian Home, Philipsburg. He had been in failing health for several months, but had remained active until five days before his death.

Born September 4, 1891 near Graysville, he was a son of Andrew W. and Elizabeth Jane (Cummins) Oliver. He spent his entire life on the farm on which he was born. On September 28, 1926 he was married to Ella L. Nearhoof of Warriors Mark Valley. She preceded him in death in 1963.

Surviving are three children, Mrs. James H. (Elizabeth Jane) Lake, Pennsylvania Furnace; James S. Oliver, Jr., Butler; Robert N. Oliver, on the home farm, Spruce Creek; a brother, Dr. Stanley C. Oliver, Huntingdon, R.D. 3 and nine grandchildren. A sister, Agnes M. Oliver, preceded him in death.

Oliver was a vigorous supporter of all projects for community improvements and served in several township elective offices.

For 58 years he was a member, Sunday School teacher, elder and faithful supporter of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church. For 45 years he served as congregational secretary.

Oliver was a member of three Masonic bodies: Tyrone Lodge No. 494, F.&A.M.; Coudersport Consistory and Jaffa Mosque, Altoona.

Funeral services will be held at the Church. The Rev. Statler will officiate. Interment will be made in the Graysville Cemetery. Koch Funeral Services.

(1968) **Helen Lytle Peterson**, of Pennsylvania Furnace died December 30, 1968 in the United Presbyterian Home, Philipsburg.

Born August 12, 1887 in Half Moon Township,

Centre County, she was a daughter of Ellis and Margaret (Biddle) Lytle. Her husband, Denton S. Peterson died May 1, 1955. Nine nieces and nephews survive.

Mrs. Peterson was a member of Upper Spruce Creek United Presbyterian Church.

Funeral services will be held from the Church. The Rev. John P. Martin will officiate and interment will be made in Grays Cemetery.

(1969) **Ellanora McWilliams**, 97, of Pennsylvania Furnace died February 17, 1969 in her home.

Born July 21, 1871 at Colerain, Franklin Township, she was a daughter of Isaac and Regina (Rhodes) Woomer. On January 18, 1894 she married George Thompson McWilliams, who preceded her in death October 31, 1950.

Surviving are two children Paul E. McWilliams of Pennsylvania Furnace and Hubert McWilliams of Altoona four grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one brother and one sister, Edmund Woomer of Tyrone and Jessie E. Lippencott of Marlton, N.J.

Mrs. McWilliams had been the oldest living member of the Upper Spruce Creek United Presbyterian Church at Graysville, which she joined March 14, 1886. She had served as president of the ladies aid society for 25 years.

The funeral service will be held from the Church. The Rev. Francis E. Stetler will officiate and interment will be made in Graysville Cemetery.

(1970) **Earl LeRoy Carper** of Pennsylvania Furnace died January 25, 1970, in the Centre County Hospital.

He was born April 17, 1927 at Eden Hill, a son of Edward and Ruth (Shyster) Carper on Nov. 6, 1954, he was united in marriage with Mary Catherine Harpster.

In addition to his widow and his father, he is survived by three children, Judy, Edward and Ronald, all at home; these brothers and sisters, Mrs. Melvin H. Brown, Robert E. Carper, Gilbert L. Carper, Mrs. Calvin W. Miller, all of Franklinville; Mrs. Hugh Confer, Orviston; Mrs. Robert S. Jones, York; Mrs. Wilbur Baughman of Warriors Mark.

Mr. Carper was a member and trustee of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church. A veteran of the Korean Conflict, he was employed as an engineering aid in the Ordinance Research Laboratory, Penn State University

The funeral service will take place from the Church with the Rev. T. T. Moore officiating. Interment will be made in Graysville Cemetery.

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(1971) **Lee Wesley Ellenberger**, 57, of Pennsylvania Furnace died unexpectedly at his home Monday.

He was born Aug. 21 1914, at Marengo, the son of Elrea E. and Edna Gray Ellenberger. He was married at Franklinville July 25, 1947, to Gladys Brown who survives with two sons, Ned, at home, and Mark, a student at Lycoming College, Williamsport; two sisters, Mrs. Juliette Harpster, Pennsylvania Furnace, and Mrs. Jane Barber, State College; two brothers, Robert A., Port Matilda, and S. Glenn, Allentown.

Mr. Ellenberger was a farmer and a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church.

Funeral services will be held at the Church with Rev. T.T. Moore officiating. Interment will be in Graysville Cemetery.

(1972) **Anna Catherine Judy**, died Monday at the Park West Manor Nursing Home. She was born Oct. 12, 1886, in Graysville, the daughter of George C. and Mary Elizabeth Archey Deter. She was married to Ralph Judy, who died Feb. 26, 1957. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Robert Townsend, Santa Clara, Calif. and Miss Miriam T. Judy, Graysville and two grandchildren. She was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church. Funeral services will be held at the Koch Funeral Home with the Rev. T.T. Moore officiating. Burial will be in the Graysville Cemetery.

(1974) **Ralph Leslie Musser**, of Boalsburg, formerly of Rock Springs died Feb. 17, 1974 at the Presbyterian Home in Philipsburg.

The son of Wallace and Laura (McMahon) Musser was born June 30, 1892 in State College. He was first married to Isabel McWilliams, who died Oct. 1, 1964. He later married Margaret (Leech) Musser, who survives along with two daughters, Mrs. Alex Johnston of Graysville, and Mrs. William E. Taylor of Va. Beach, Va. Also surviving are six grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

The deceased was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church. He attended State College schools. He was a retired cabinet maker.

Funeral services will be at the Koch Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert C. Fox officiating. Burial will be made in the Graysville Cemetery.

(1974) **Helen H. Wigton**, Spruce Creek, died unexpectedly December 10, 1974 in the Tyrone Hospital. She was born August 23, 1895 at Neff Mills, the daughter of William R. and Anna K. (Neff) Harnish. She was married Jan. 10, 1929 in

Millersville to Robert J. Wigton. She had been a resident of the area for 45 years.

She is survived by her husband and a daughter, Mrs. Anne W. Wagner, Huntingdon. Also surviving are a sister, Mrs. Mary Lehman, Reading, and two brothers, Robert L. Harnish, Lancaster, and Louis C. Harnish, Millersville.

She was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church.

Funeral rites will be conducted at the Cox Funeral Home, Warriors Mark, in charge of the Rev. Carl Gray. Interment will be made in Graysville Cemetery.

(1975) **Robert J. Wigton**, 89, a lifelong resident of Spruce Creek, died June 4, 1975, at the Altoona Hospital after a lengthy illness.

He was born August 20, 1885, in Spruce Creek, the son of John M. and Jennie Jackson Wigton and was married to Helen Harnish Wigton, who died in 1974. Surviving is one daughter, Mrs. Anne W. Wagner, Huntingdon, and one sister, Mrs. Anna Wilson of the Hollidaysburg Presbyterian Home.

A retired farmer, he was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church.

Funeral services will be at the Wigton home with the Rev. Carl Gray officiating. Burial will be in Graysville Cemetery.

(1975) **Reuben E. Behrer** of Pennsylvania Furnace, died August 23, 1975 at the Hillview Nursing Home, Altoona, after an extended illness. He was born January 6, 1890 the son of Charles and Lavina (Harpster) Behrer. He was married April 29, 1920 at Pennsylvania Furnace to Mabel Peterson and had been a lifelong resident of the area.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Nellie Jane Baney, Pennsylvania Furnace, two sons, John C. Behrer, Spruce Creek, Alfred E. Behrer, Taylor Ridge, IL, and 11 grandchildren. He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, Huntingdon, a brother, Chester Behrer, Pennsylvania Furnace.

He was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church, and was a retired farmer. Funeral service will be conducted at the Church with the Rev. Donald McIlvride officiating. Interment will be made in Graysville Cemetery.

(1975) **Anna Mary Lake**, Tyrone, RD 4, died unexpectedly December 29, 1975 at Centre Community Hospital, State College.

She was born Oct. 29, 1911 at Warriors Mark, a

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daughter of Porter J. and Bertha Beck Cox. She married George C. Lake on June 30, 1937 at Warriors Mark Methodist Church. She was a lifelong resident of Warriors Mark Valley.

Surviving are the husband, the following sons and daughters: Mrs. Margaret Ingle, of Alexandria RD 1; Mrs. Louise Ferner, Tyrone RD 4; Mrs. Lois Lindsay Henry, of Bedford RD 4; First Lt. George C. Lake III, of the U.S. Marine Corps, and John B. Lake, Tyrone RD 4; two brothers, Leon Cox, of Warriors Mark, and Elwood Cox, of Tyrone RD 4; 14 grandchildren.

She was a member of Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church and was vice president of the Women's Association of the church, and taught classes in the church for 37 years. She was a graduate of Juniata College, Huntingdon, and was a member of the Pennsylvania State Education Association and had taught junior and senior high English at Tyrone and Warriors Mark schools for 35 years.

She was also a member of the Tyrone Area Education Association and the National Education Association.

Private funeral service will be held with the service conducted by the Rev. Don McIlvride. Burial will be in the Graysville Cemetery.

(1976) **Mrs. Ora Mae Zimmers** of Pennsylvania Furnace RD died at the Centre Community Hospital today.

She was born Nov. 1, 1902 in Bedford County, the daughter of Franklin and Arabelle Crawford Fisher.

On Sept. 13, 1923, she was married to J. Herbert Zimmers, who survives with one daughter, Mrs. Derwood Behrer of Pennsylvania Furnace; two sons, J. Franklin of Harrisburg and Richard H. of State College, and four grandchildren. Also surviving are four brothers, Conda Fisher and Marl Fisher, both of Tyrone RD, Arnold Fisher of Altoona and Alton Fisher of Hollidaysburg, and three sisters, Mrs. Mabel Chrismore of Hollidaysburg, Mrs. Esta Johnson of Altoona RD and Mrs. Sarah Frederick of Roaring Spring.

She was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church, Graysville, and a member of the Women's Association of the church.

Funeral services will be held at the Church with the Rev. Donald McIlvride officiating. Interment will be in the Graysville Cemetery.

(1977) **Chester W. Behrer**, 81 of Graysville, died Wednesday morning at his home.

He was born Dec. 20, 1895 at Seven Stars, Huntingdon Co., a son of Charles E. and Lavina Harpster Behrer. He was married May 22, 1917 at

Warriors Mark to Cora B. Rumberger. She died in 1959. He was married in 1967 to Agnes Dixon.

Surviving are the following sons and daughters: Mrs. Marl (Helen) Fisher, of Sinking Valley; Charles Behrer, of Pennsylvania Furnace; Stanley Behrer, of Warriors Mark; Mrs. Martin (Fay Ward, of Bethalto, Ill; Mrs. Kenneth (Roxie) Davis, of Petersburg; Derwood Behrer, of Pennsylvania Furnace; Donald Behrer, of Port Matilda; and two step-sons, David Dixon and Archie Dixon, of Tyrone; also 20 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren and a sister, Elizabeth Brown, of Huntingdon.

He had been a farm machinery dealer for more than 50 years. He was a member, past elder and trustee of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church; the Tyrone Lodge 494 Free and Accepted Masons; Harrisburg Consistory and Jaffa Shrine.

Funeral service will be held at the Church. in charge of the Rev. Donald McIlvride. Burial will be in the Graysville Cemetery.

(1976) **Bernice M. Judy** formerly of Pennsylvania Furnace, and a guest at the United Presbyterian Home, Hollidaysburg, for the past two years, died at the home Sept. 19, 1976 after an extended illness.

She was born Aug. 9, 1911 at Gatesburg, Centre County, the daughter of Robert G. and Maude M. (DeArmit) Strayer. She was married Sept. 10, 1930 at Pine Grove Mills to Theodore R. Judy.

She is survived by three children, Donald R. Judy, Bellefonte, RD 2; Barbara Ray, and Robert E. Judy, both of Pennsylvania Furnace, and five grandchildren.

She is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Charles Behrer, Pennsylvania Furnace and two brothers Samuel Strayer, Bellefonte RD, and Eugene Strayer, Warriors Mark RD.

She was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church, and had been retired from Erie Tech, State College.

Funeral service will be conducted at the Church, with the Rev. Donald McIlvride officiating. Interment will be made in Graysville Cemetery.

(1977) **Anna W. Wilson**, 92, formerly of Warriors Mark, died at the Presbyterian Home, Hollidaysburg on Jan. 19, 1977.

She was born March 21, 1884 at Spruce Creek, a daughter of John M. and Jennie Jackson Wigton. She was married June 14, 1911 at Spruce Creek to Dr. Harry C. Wilson. He died in 1956.

Surviving are the following sons and daughters: Lois Fisher, Bellwood; Mary W. Smith, Tyrone; Jennie Shoff, Lehigh Acres, Fla.; Roberta Manning, Southampton; Christina Zitterman, Murraysville;

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John Wilson of Pittsford, N.Y.; Joan Hample, Bellwood; also 23 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Two daughters preceded her in death. She was the last of her immediate family.

She was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church.

Funeral service will be held at the Cox Funeral Home, Warriors Mark, followed by burial in Burket Cemetery.

(1977) **Edmund K. Woomer**, 96, of Graysville, who had served in the Mexican Border Service in 1916-17, died April 23, 1977, at Tyrone Hospital.

He was born April 4, 1881 at Graysville, Huntingdon Co., the son of Isaac L. and Regina Rhodes Woomer. He was married June 12, 1913 at Warriors Mark, to A. Lysle Shank, who died in 1935.

Surviving are four daughters and a son, Ida Bresler, Graysville; Louise Henry, of Franklinville; Enid Peisfer, of East Hartford, Conn.; Georgia Schell, of Freehold, N.J., and John Woomer, of Pennsylvania Furnace. Also surviving are 13 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

He was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church.

Funeral service will be held at the Church, the Rev. Donald McIlvride officiating. Burial will be in Graysville Cemetery.

(1977) **John W. Newlin**, 68, Blair County attorney and Huntingdon County dairy farmer, died September 12, 1977 at his home in Tyrone of leukemia. He had been President of the Improvement Savings and Loan Association of Tyrone since 1970.

Newlin was the first President of the Tyrone Hospital Board of Directors and one of its founders. He was a charter member and former President of the Tyrone Rotary Club and a member of the YMCA Board of Directors for 12 years.

Active in his profession as well as his community, he was a past president of the Blair County Bar Association, a past member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Criminal Law Revision Committee and a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Farm Law Committee.

Descended from early settlers of the Spruce Creek Valley, he had combined his interest in farming and his law career since graduation from George Washington Law School in 1933. An active dairy farmer operating farms in Huntingdon County, he was associate counsel for the Interstate Milk Producers Cooperative from 1946-1959 and associate counsel for Dairymen's League of Milk Producers (Dairyalea) from 1959. In 1960, he became a member

of the Board of Directors and parliamentarian of the National Conference of Milk Shippers.

Born in Kewanee, Ill., the son of Alexander Z. Newlin and Mary Wigton Newlin Reeve, Newlin attended a one-room schoolhouse in Spruce Creek Valley. He graduated from State College High School in 1925 and attended Bucknell University and Pennsylvania State College. Working in an all-night garage to pay his expenses, he simultaneously finished college and attended Law School at George Washington University.

He was admitted to practice before the bar of the District of Columbia, 1933, the bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 1936, and the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, 1936.

Returning to his home during the depression, he accepted a position with W.L. Hicks, attorney-at-law, Tyrone, in 1934 at a salary of \$50 per month. In 1936, he was made a partner in the new firm of Hicks and Newlin; and, in 1940, it became the firm of Hicks, Jones and Newlin with Gen. Benjamin C. Jones.

In 1976, Newlin and his son, Edward S. Newlin, formed the partnership of Newlin & Newlin.

Newlin was a veteran of World War II, serving as a radar officer aboard the Carrier USS Steamer Bay in the Pacific Ocean and remaining after the war with the Judge Advocate General's office in Washington, D.C.

He was a member of the National Association of Real Estate Appraisers. He was also a member of the Tyrone Benedicts, B.P.O.E. No. 212, Howard Gardner Post 281 American Legion. L.O.O.M. 25, Anderson-Deny Post 4559, Blazing Arrow Hook and Ladder Fire Co., Rotary Club of Tyrone, Pennsylvania Grange, Pennsylvania Farmers Association, Blue Lodge 17 of the Masons, Harrisburg Consistory, and Jaffa Shrine.

A member of the First Presbyterian church of Tyrone, he had served as President of the Board of Trustees on the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church in Graysville.

He is survived by his wife, Theda S. Newlin; his children, Mrs. Harry B. Archinal, Chester Springs; John W. Jr., Hinsdale, Ill.; Edward S., Tyrone; Melinda Pattersonville, N.Y. and Mrs. William Lapham, Lafayette, Ind.; and 11 grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at the Graysville Cemetery.

(1978) **James H. Lake**, 60, of Pennsylvania Furnace, Huntingdon County, died at 3 p.m. yesterday in Centre Community Hospital, following a two-vehicle collision on Rte. 350, about one mile north of the Seven Stars intersection with Rte. 45.

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He was born June 29, 1918 at Mt. Lebanon, a son of Samuel M. and Lois Boyd Lake. On June 25, 1952 at the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church he was married to Elizabeth Jane Oliver.

Surviving are the widow, a son Earl Douglas Lake of Pennsylvania Furnace; two daughters, Lois Edith and Lucy Jean Lake, both at home; two grandsons and three brothers, Dr. Samuel Lake, Warriors Mark RD; Dr. Thomas Lake of Reedsville, and Robert Lake of Verona.

He had been a dairy farmer since 1937. He was an Elder and Sunday School teacher at the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church.

Funeral service will be held Monday at the Church in charge of the Rev. Donald McIlvride. Burial will be in Graysville Cemetery.

(1978) **Anna Johnston Houck** who formerly resided in the Spruce Creek Valley and since 1973 had been a guest at the United Presbyterian Home in Philipsburg, died today at the home following an extended illness.

She was born April 7, 1893 in the Spruce Creek Valley, a daughter of William H. and Susan Foster Johnston. She was married Jan. 18, 1919 to Joseph E. Houck who died April 7, 1951.

She is survived by two sons, Alvin and Glenn, both of Spruce Creek Valley, 12 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. Susan J. Harris Tyrone. She was preceded in death by one son, James, six sisters and three brothers.

She was a life member of Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church, Graysville. A life resident of the Spruce Creek Valley, she had taught school in her earlier years and had served for a number of years as treasurer of the Graysville Cemetery Association.

Funeral service will be held at the Church with the Rev. Donald McIlvride and the Rev. Ralph Illingworth officiating. Interment will be at Graysville Cemetery.

(1981) **Roberta (Taylor) Gunsallus** who resided in Graysville, Pennsylvania Furnace, died Oct. 16, 1981 at the Centre Community Hospital. She had had an extended illness.

She was born June 23, 1917 at Warriors Mark, a daughter of Clarence and Rachel (Chronister) Taylor and on Feb. 15, 1939, at her parent's Warriors Mark residence was married to Joseph H. Gunsallus.

Besides her husband, she is survived by three daughters, Mrs. William (Kay) Barrett, of State College; Mrs. Robert (Carol) Oliver, of Spruce Creek; Mrs. Edward (Kathy) Zeuner, of Riverside, N.J.; five grandchildren; a sister and four brothers:

Mrs. Alvin (Edith) Houck, Tyrone RD 4; C. Eugene and Wilfred Taylor, Tyrone RD 3; Russell, Cincinnati, Ohio; Steuart Taylor, of Tyrone.

She was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian church and the Womens association of her church. She was also a member of the Warriors Mark Home Extension Group, the auxiliary of the Warriors Mark-Franklin Volunteer Fire Company. She graduated from Warriors Mark High School in 1935 and was a violinist in the school orchestra. She retired in 1979 from O.W. Houtz and Sons, State College, as a clerk. Prior to this she had been employed at G.C. Murphy Store, State College and in the cafeteria of the Warriors Mark Elementary school for a number of years.

Funeral services will be held at the Church with the Rev. Donald McIlvride officiating. Interment will be in Graysville Cemetery.

(1982) **John C.B. Lake**, of Tyrone RD 4, was dead on arrival at Centre Community Hospital, April 12, 1982 at 10 p.m.

He was born Oct. 25, 1908 at Mount Lebanon. Allegheny County, a son of George C. and Jean Boyd Lake. He never married.

He is survived by five brothers: O.R. Lake, Centre Hall, RD; George C. Lake, Jr. and Dr. S.L. Lake, both of Tyrone, RD 4; Dr. T.H. Lake, Reedsville; and Robert Lake, Oakmont; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one brother, James.

He was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church, Graysville, where he had served as a trustee and superintendent of the Sunday School for a number of years. He had been a Franklin Township supervisor for 24 years and was a member of the Warriors Mark-Franklin Volunteer Fire Company and the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors. He was a self-employed farmer all his life retiring in 1978.

Funeral services will be held at the Church with the Rev. Donald McIlvride officiating. Interment will be at Graysville Cemetery.

(1983) **Katharine Bickle Harpster**, 78, of Pine Grove Mills, died at the Valley View Nursing Home at Baileyville on Sunday.

She was born on June 4, 1905, at Eden Hill, the daughter of Lewis and Katharine Johnston Gensimore.

She was first married on Feb. 28, 1922 to J. Earl Bickle, who died Dec. 26, 1966. She then married Harry L. "Bus" Harpster on April 16, 1968; he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters: Ruth B.

Hockenberry, Tyrone RD 4, and Jean B. Harris, Pine Grove Mills; two stepsons: James E. Harpster, Pennsylvania Furnace, and Donald E. Harpster, Shamokin; one sister Mary Shive, Lock Haven; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Harpster retired from Penn State in 1967. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star of State College and of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church.

Funeral services will be held at the Church with the Rev. Donald McIlvride officiating. Burial will be at Centre County Memorial Park.

(1984) **Margaret Josephine (Parsons) Reed**, 88, of New Cumberland, died Feb. 3, 1884 in the Harrisburg General Hospital, where she had been a patient for several days.

A former resident of Rock Springs, Pennsylvania Furnace, she had resided in New Cumberland since 1975.

She was born at Fleming, Centre County, on Jan 12, 1896, a daughter of Shedreck and Sarah (Irvin) Parsons. On Oct. 7, 1915, she was united in marriage with Robert Wade Reed. Mr. Reed preceded her in death on June 16, 1962.

Mrs. Reed, the last surviving member of her immediate family, is survived by one son, Paul E. Reed of New Cumberland, and by two grandchildren, Mrs. Karen Christine of Tyrone and Douglas P. Reed of New Cumberland.

She was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church of Graysville and belonged to the Women's Association of the church. She also held membership in the Baileyville Grange.

The funeral service will take place from the Church with the Rev. Donald McIlvride officiating. Interment will be made in Graysville Cemetery.

(1984) **Earl Harpster**, 72, of Pennsylvania Furnace RD 1 died in Centre Community Hospital (Dec. 29, 1984).

Mr. Harpster was a farmer and was a Presbyterian. He was a member of Baileyville Sportsmen's Club.

He was born in Huntingdon County Jan. 9, 1912, a son of Edward S. and Mary Jane Marshall Harpster.

He is survived by five brothers: Charles E. of Pine Grove Mills, Harry of Belleville, and Clark, Jay and Marshall of Pennsylvania Furnace; and two sisters: Madalene of Alexandria & Elizabeth Peters of Belleville.

Funeral services will be at Koch Funeral Home with the Rev. Douglas W. Mottin officiating. Burial will be in Graysville Cemetery.

(1986) **Dr. Oliver R. Lake**, 81, of Centre Hall, R.D. 2 died Jan. 10, 1986 at his home.

Born Oct. 23, 1904 in Mount Lebanon, he was the son of George C. and Jean (Boyd) Lake. On Oct. 1, 1936, he was united in marriage to Elisabeth Richter who preceded him in death Oct. 25, 1980.

Surviving are two daughters and one son: Mike Lake of Centre Hall, R.D.2; Mrs. Jean Davis of McAlevys Fort and Mrs. Elisabeth Kirk of Cleveland, Tenn. There are six grandchildren.

Also surviving are four brothers: George and Dr. Samuel, both of Tyrone, R.D. 4; Dr. Thomas of Reedsville and Robert of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Lake was associated with the Highland Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh and the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church in Graysville. He was a graduate of Bethel Vocational School in Library and Penn State University in 1926 where he earned a B.S. degree in agricultural biochemistry. He then worked for Standard Oil in New Jersey. Later, after graduating in 1932 from the University of Pittsburgh Dental School, he practiced dentistry in the Pittsburgh area until 1952. He then came to the State College area and retired from dentistry in 1974. He was a member of the Pittsburgh Academy of Dentistry, serving as president in 1953 and 1954 and the Centre County Dental Society.

Funeral services were held at Jeffries-Heintzleman Funeral Home, Centre Hall, the Rev. Donald McIlvride officiating. Interment was made in Graysville Cemetery.

(1987) **Harold A. "Hubby" Wertz, Sr.**, 86, owner of Indian Caverns in Spruce Creek, died Sunday (7/5/87) at Moshannon Valley Presbyterian Home, Philipsburg following an extended illness.

For 58 years, Mr. Wertz had owned and operated the Central Pennsylvania tourist attraction. "He was a spelunker before there was even a Speleological Society," said his son, Bear Wertz of Spruce Creek, who shared ownership of the caverns with his father. The younger Wertz said his father was exploring a cave and, finding a larger hall, decided to develop it. "He dissolved his other businesses and put all his eggs in one basket," Wertz said. Developing the cave, blasting it out to make more room, Mr. Wertz employed 50 workers. "Over 500 Indian relics and skeletons were found," said Wertz. A team of geologists, archeologists and paleontologists studied the artifacts, which are now on display at the caverns.

Mr. Wertz sold tickets at the caverns every day from 9 a.m. to about 6:30 p.m., working at the caves until Dec. 26, 1986, when he left for Florida, where he spent the winter, said his wife, Marjorie. "His



cave was his life," she said. Upon his return from Florida, he came down with pneumonia, she said.

He was a charter member of the Pennsylvania Cave Man's Association. Other memberships included Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church, Warriors Mark Grange and Warriors Mark Fire Company. He was a life member of Lewistown Elks Lodge 0663.

Mr. Wertz was born Nov. 5, 1900, in Tyrone, a son of Aden and Sarah Delozier Wertz. He married the former Lenore E. Bateman, who died in 1941. On Feb. 12, 1966, he married Marjorie H. Allison, who survives.

Along with his wife and son, Mr. Wertz is survived by a daughter: Peggy Pfiefer of State College; a sister: Thelma Ross of Tyrone; six grandchildren; and 13 great-grand-children.

Funeral services will be at the Church Wednesday with the Revs. H. Aden Wertz III and John W. Davis officiating. Burial will be at Franklinville Cemetery.

(1986) **Lorne G. Houck**, 20, of HC01 Box 101, Spruce Creek, Seven Stars Farm, died Wednesday, Aug 20, 1986, at 1 a.m. in the Tyrone Hospital emergency room from injuries sustained when thrown from his motorcycle during an accident south of Warriors Mark Tuesday at 7:45 p.m. on Route 350.

He was born Nov. 10, 1965 in Altoona, the son of Glenn E. and Lucille (Johnson) Houck. He is survived by his parents, with who he resided; two brothers and two sisters, Vaughn, Brian, Rena and Nadine, all at home; and by a nephew.

He was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church, Graysville. He was a graduate of Tyrone Area High School, Class of 1983, where he was a member of the Warriors Mark Chapter of FFA. He was employed at Evergreen Farms, Spruce Creek.

Funeral services will be held at the Church with the church's former pastor, the Rev. Donald McIlvride, and the Rev. Norman E. Huff officiating. Interment will follow in the Graysville Cemetery.

(1987) **George C. Lake**, 78, of Tyrone, R.D.4, died May 4, 1987, at the Altoona Hospital. His death followed a brief illness.

He was born on Oct. 25, 1908, in Mount Lebanon, a son of George C.V. and Jean (Boyd) Lake. He was united in marriage to Anna Mary Cox on June 30, 1937, in Warriors Mark. His wife preceded him in death in 1975.

Surviving are the following children: Margaret L. Ingle of Alexandria, R.D.1, L. Lindsay Henry of Bedford, R.D.4, Louise L. Ferner of Tyrone, R.D.4, George C. Lake III and John B. Lake, both of Tyrone,

R.D.4. Also surviving are 16 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and two brothers: Samuel L. Lake of Tyrone, R.D.4, and Thomas H. Lake of Reedsville. He was preceded in death by three brothers.

Mr. Lake was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church. He had been an elder of the church since 1950, its clerk of sessions for 15 years and a Sunday School teacher for over 60 years. He was a school director for 24 years, a member of the Huntingdon County Extension Executive Committee for 15 years, a forest fire warden for over 57 years a member of the Warrior Mark-Franklin Volunteer Fire Company and a member of the Warriors Mark Fire Police. He had farmed in Warriors Mark Valley for 60 years retiring in 1983.

Funeral services will be held at the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Stephen Gallaher and the Rev. Dave Clingerman will officiate. Interment will be made in Graysville Cemetery.

(1987) **Earl W. Homer**, 86, of Graysville, Pennsylvania Furnace, R.D. died Dec. 27, 1987, at his residence following an extended illness.

He was born Feb. 6, 1901, in Philipsburg, the son Samuel and Kathryn (Blair) Homer. He was first married to Bessie Bell who preceded him in death in 1966. On May 7, 1969, at Graysville, he was united in marriage to Leah M. Merriitts by the Rev. Eugene McCahan.

His wife survives along with three step-daughters: Mrs. Priscilla Rhodes of Tyrone; Mrs. Merle (Ruth) Huffman of Mesa, Ariz.; and Mrs. George (Martha) Williamson of Oxnard, Calif. There are several step-grandchildren.

Mr. Homer was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church at Graysville. He retired in 1963 from Eastman Kodak of Rochester, N.Y.

Funeral services will be held from the Feller Memorial Home, Tyrone. The Rev. David F. Crow will officiate. Interment will be made in the Graysville Cemetery.

(1988) **Paul E. McWilliams**, 93, of Pennsylvania Furnace, died of natural causes at his home Thursday (March 10, 1988).

Mr. McWilliams, a dairy farmer, was a member of the State College Masonic Lodge No. 700 and the Williamsport Consistory. He was also a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church.

He was born July 31, 1894, at Graysville, a son of George T. and E. Nora Woomer McWilliams. On Nov. 5, 1917, at Cumberland, Md., he married the former Nellie M. Miller, who survives. Also surviving are two sons; Paul E. Jr. of Rebersburg and

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Miramar, Fla.; six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at the Church tomorrow with the Rev. David Crow officiating. Burial will be in Graysville Cemetery.

(1989) **Wayne B. Henderson**, 65, of HC-01, Spruce Creek, died Dec. 30, 1989, at the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, Hershey.

Born in Petersburg on Dec. 5, 1924, he was the son of the late Walter C. and Ruth (Bigelow) Henderson. On Sept. 17, 1947, at Huntingdon, He was united in marriage with the former Helen Bailey.

Surviving are his wife; two children, Mrs. Earl (Janet) Lake and Jeffrey W. Henderson, both of Pennsylvania Furnace; two grandchildren; three sisters: Jean Walker of Huntingdon, Marjorie Wagner, McAlisterville, and Martha Lois Slothower, Dillsburg; and a brother, Robert Henderson, Lewistown.

Mr. Henderson was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church, Graysville. He was also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge 976, Huntingdon and Mount Moriah Lodge 300, F&AM, Huntingdon. A graduate of the Petersburg Vocational High School, he had retired from AT&T and Bell of PA, State College office. He had previously worked at the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Co., Tyrone plant, and as a self-employed farmer.

Funeral services will be held at the Church with the Rev. David F. Crow officiating. Interment will be in Graysville Cemetery.

(1990) **Madeline Harpster Poust** 85, State College, formerly a resident of Sponseler Home and Bowser Personal Care Home (same home/name change), both of Alexandria, died at J.C. Blair Hospital, Huntingdon, Sunday (Jan. 7, 1990).

Mrs. Poust was a homemaker. She was a member of Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church, a member of Tussey Rebekah Lodge and a former charter member of Lady Ferguson Rebekah Lodge.

Mrs. Poust was born in Huntingdon County Sept. 20, 1904, a daughter of the late Edward and Mary Jane Marshall Harpster. She married James Howard Poust, who died June 17, 1971. She is survived by a daughter: Betty Jane Powley of State College; a sister: Elizabeth Peters of Belleville; three brothers: Clark Harpster and Jay Harpster, both of Pennsylvania Furnace; and Charles Harpster of Pine Grove Mills; a granddaughter and a great-granddaughter.

Funeral services will be at Koch Funeral Home

with the Rev. Carl D. Campbell officiating. Burial will be at Graysville Cemetery.

(1990) **Theodore F. Newlin**, 82, of Melbourne, Fla., formerly of Spruce Creek Valley, died Wednesday (Jan. 17, 1990) at the Homes Regional Medical Center, Melbourne, Fla. He had been in failing health for the last 2 years.

He was employed in sales for many different companies, for 30 years. He was retired.

He was born in Wilkinsburg, Aug. 3, 1907, son of the late Alexander and Mary Wigton Newlin.

He is survived by two daughters: Diane Newlin of Sacramento, Calif.; Marcia Newlin of Alexandria, Va.; four sons: Richard of Charlotte, N.C.; Theodore of New York; Robert of Indiatlantic, Fla.; William of Pittsburgh; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at the Church with the Rev. Carl D. Campbell officiating. Burial will be at the Graysville Cemetery.

(1990) **Grace S. Harper**, 80, of Pennsylvania Furnace, died Monday (June 11, 1990) at the Fairways, Brookline, State College.

Mrs. Harper was a 1930 graduate of the Bellefonte Hospital School of Nursing and served as a private duty nurse. For many years she assisted her husband in farming the family farm. She was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church, the Baileyville Grange, and Tussey Rebekah Lodge.

She was born Sept. 22, 1909 in State College, a daughter of Olan A. and Elizabeth Walters Johnson. On Feb 4, 1931, she married Earl A. Harper, who died April 4, 1982.

She is survived by a daughter: Pauline H. O'Keefe of Centre Hall RD; a son: Dean A. of Pennsylvania Furnace; two brothers: Walter C. Johnson of Julian and Clarence D. Johnson of Lemont; four grandchildren; and five great-granddaughters.

Funeral services will be at Koch Funeral Home with the Rev. David Crow officiating. Burial will be at Centre County Memorial Park.

(1990) **John Calvin Rudy**, 71, of Boalsburg, died at J.C. Blair Memorial Hospital, Huntingdon, Wednesday (Jan. 17, 1990) as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Mr. Rudy was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in the European Theater of Operations. For 31 years, he was employed in the Mineral Industries Department of Penn State retiring in 1980. He attended State College Area Schools.

He was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church, the Harris Township Fish and

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Presbyterian Church, the Harris Township Fish and Game association, and was a lifetime member of State College Elks Club 1600, the Tyrone American Legion, and the State College Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a member of the Free and Accepted Order of Masons of State College 700, the Altoona Consistory, Jaffa Temple, and was a past president of the Centre County Shrine Club. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoyed rose gardening.

Mr. Rudy was born in Pennsylvania Furnace, May 14, 1918, a son of the late James Couch and Anna Grace Harpster Rudy. He married the former Rita McGill, who survives in Boalsburg. Also surviving are two sons: Kenneth of Pennsylvania Furnace; Barry of Akron, Ohio; two step-daughters: Anne L. Zanghi of Pleasant Gap; Roberta E. Call of Tucson, Ariz.; a sister: Kathleen A. Leidy of Pennsylvania Furnace; three brothers: James L. of Port Matilda; Harold E. of Boalsburg; Gerald A. of Duncanville; a granddaughter; five step-grandchildren and one step-great-granddaughter.

Funeral services will be at Koch Funeral Home with the Rev. David F. Crow officiating. Burial will be at Graysville Cemetery.

(1990) **Elizabeth Sample Goheen Wyse**, 92, a guest at Moshannon Presbyterian Home, Philipsburg, and formerly of Tyrone, died May 8, 1990 at the home following an extended illness.

She was born Sept. 13, 1897, at Pennsylvania Furnace, the daughter of Robert and Nellie Belle (McWilliams) Goheen. She is survived by one niece, Mrs. Maxine Miller of Hilton Head, S.C.; one nephew, Robert Goheen of Naples, Fla.; three great nephews, two great great nephews and two great great nieces.

She was a member of the Graysville Presbyterian Church, where she served for a number of years as church organist. She had been a piano teacher in the Tyrone and Pennsylvania Furnace areas.

Funeral services will be held at the Church with the Rev. David Crow officiating. Interment will be at Graysville Cemetery.

(1992) **Mary Elizabeth Heichel**, 77, of Pennsylvania Furnace, died at Centre Community Hospital (May 6, 1992).

She worked at Centre Community Hospital, retiring 1984 after 10 years of service. She was a member of Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Home Auxiliary, Warriors Mark Senior Citizens, Presbyterian Women and Warriors Mark Franklin Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary.

She was born April 24, 1915 in Arcadia, Indiana

County, a daughter of Myrtle C. Woodling and Edward Newton Hertlein. On Oct. 4, 1944, in Clearfield, she married Willis Russell Heichel, who died in 1960. Surviving are three daughters: Dottie Gough of Tallahassee, Fla., Barbara Horne of Hollidaysburg and Mert King of Spruce Creek; three sons: Kenneth Hoffman of Quakertown, John of Warriors Mark and Jim of Alexandria; a brother: Benjamin Hertlein of Emporium; 18 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the Church with the Rev. David Crow officiating. Burial will be at Oak Hill Cemetery, Karthaus.

(1992) **Harriet M. Harpster**, 90, a resident of Eaken Rest Home, Port Matilda, and formerly of Pennsylvania Furnace, died at Centre Community Hospital on Friday (Nov. 27, 1992).

Mrs. Harpster attended the Baileyville schools and was a homemaker. She was a member of Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church and Baileyville Grange.

She was born in Garrett on Dec. 27, 1901, a daughter of the late George and Missouri Catherine Christner Judy. On Feb. 28, 1931, she married Clark Harpster, who survives in Philipsburg Presbyterian Home of Moshannon Valley. Also surviving are a daughter: Mary Carper of Pennsylvania Furnace; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the Church on Monday with the Rev. David Crow and the Rev. James Hanly officiating. Burial will be at Graysville Cemetery.

(1993) **John L. Gilliland**, 84, of Warriors Mark, died unexpectedly April 22, 1993, at his home.

Born Nov. 29, 1908, in Shavers Creek Valley, Petersburg, R.D. 1, he was a son of the late Oscar H. and Nannie (Baumgardner) Gilliland. He was married to the former Hazel E. Wert, who died in 1965. Surviving are three children: LaRue G. Brown of Harrisburg, William L. Gilliland of Tyrone and John Galen Gilliland, Warriors Mark; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

"John L." as he was more familiarly known, was an active, 60-year member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church, Graysville. He was founder and first president of the Cartwright Hunting Club; was a member of the Warriors Mark-Franklin Volunteer Fire Company; and was a past board member of both the Capital Building and Loan Association and Improvement Savings and Loan, in Tyrone. A 1926 graduate of Petersburg Vocational High School, Mr. Gilliland attended Juniata College, the Pennsylvania



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State College (now University) and Elizabethtown College, then taught for 10 years in the Warriors Mark-Franklin School. He was then employed by Harpster Chevrolet in Warriors Mark, first as a bookkeeper, then as a salesman and general manager. He retired in 1979, after 50 years of service.

"John L" was tax collector for Warriors Mark Township for more than a half-century. He was first appointed to the position in 1937, then was reelected each term until he retired in 1992, after 55 years of continuous service. In addition to his other work, Mr. Gilliland was the previous owner of Gillbrook Farms, Warriors Mark, and was a breeder of fine registered Holstein cattle. At one time, he owned the national champion senior-aged milking Holstein. He also bred and owned the first cow in Pennsylvania to have produced over 30,000 pounds of milk in one year. Active in Holstein-promotion organizations, Gilliland was a life member of the Holstein-Friesian Association of American and the Pennsylvania Holstein Association and was a past member and honorary board member of the Huntingdon County Holstein Club, which he strongly support in every way possible.

An avid baseball player and fan, he played for many area teams, was a player-coach at Elizabethtown College and was manager-coach of the Warriors Mark High School team for a number of years. "John L" also loved rabbit and deer hunting, having hunted through the 1992 season. He shot his last buck at age 82. He also was the owner of prize beagles.

Funeral services will be held at the Church, with the Rev. David Crow officiating. Interment will be in Graysville Cemetery.

(1993) **Margaret S. Goheen**, 84, a resident of Fairways at Brookline Village, State College, formerly of Baileyville, Pennsylvania Furnace, died at the village on Saturday (October 9, 1993). She had been a resident of Fairways at Brookline Village since 1989.

She was a graduate of State College High School and Millersville State Teachers College. She taught at the former Tadpole School.

She was the last direct descendant of the Bailey family, who founded Baileyville. She was a farm manager at her family farm in Baileyville. She was born in Rock Spring on Oct. 31, 1908, a daughter of the late Robert Hamill and Martha Seibert Goheen. She is survived by many cousins.

Graveside services will be at Graysville Cemetery with the Rev. David F. Crow officiating.

(1993) **Ruth M. Billetts**, 55, of State College,

died Oct. 29, 1993, at the Centre Community Hospital following a brief illness.

Born June 7, 1938, in Graysville she was the daughter of Edwin V. and Verna (Turnbaugh) Kocher. She was married to Francis (Jay) Billetts on Dec. 4, 1959. Surviving are her husband; a daughter, Rita S. Billetts of Graysville; a son, Lane J. Billets at home; a sister, Joyce Benson of Lemont; a brother, Melvin Kocher of Graysville.

Mrs. Billetts attended the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church. She was employee at Erie Technological and HRB Systems for 16 years.

Funeral services will be held at the Bruce E. Cox Funeral Home with the Rev. Ned Burkett officiating. Interment will be in Graysville Cemetery, Graysville.

(1994) **Willis A. Schilling**, 89, of Pine Grove Mills, died March 5, 1994, in the Centre Community Hospital, State College.

Born April 7, 1904, in Shavers Creek Valley (Petersburg, R.D.1), Huntingdon County, he was a son of the late Charles Ambrose and Elizabeth (Musser) Schilling. He was married to the former Bertha Mae Gates on Dec. 23, 1924. Surviving are his wife; four daughters: Mrs. Eugene (Doris I.) Barto and Mrs. George (Edna S.) Harpster, both of Pine Grove Mills; Mrs. Ernest (Lois M.) Barto, Pennsylvania Furnace; and Mrs. James (Janet L.) Rider, Gatesburg; 14 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. The last surviving member of his immediate family, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Carl Schilling and Raymond Schilling.

Mr. Schilling was an active member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church, Graysville, where he was a member of the church choir. He was also a member of the Baileyville Grange; Baileyville Sportsman's Club; Ferguson Township Lions Club; Nittany Antique Machinery Association; Centre County Ag Forum; Ferguson Township Senior Citizens; and a life member of the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge, Bellefonte.

In his younger years, after leaving Shavers Creek Valley, Mr. Schilling was a farmer in the Rock Springs area (Pennsylvania Furnace R.D.), then joined the Agronomy Department at Penn State University, where he was a supervisor for 35 years, until his retirement.

A well-known farrier, working from his home, he demonstrated the blacksmith trade at schools throughout Centre County and at many festivals and celebrations, including the Boalsburg Memorial Day celebration, the Antique Machine Show at Penn's Cave and the Centre County Grange Fair.

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Funeral services were held at the Church with the Rev. David F. Crow officiating. Interment was made in the Mooresville Cemetery, Petersburg R.D. 1.

(1994) **Nellie M. McWilliams**, 98, of Pennsylvania Furnace, died Aug. 22, 1994, in Centre Community Hospital, State College. Death was unexpected.

Born April 20, 1896, at Seven Stars, Huntingdon County, she was a daughter of James C. and Jennie (Patterson) Miller. She was married to Paul E. McWilliams, Sr. on Nov. 5, 1918, in Huntingdon. Mr. McWilliams died March 10, 1988. Surviving are two sons, George C. McWilliams of State College and Paul E. McWilliams, Jr., Rebersburg; six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. The last surviving member of her immediate family, she was preceded in death by one brother.

Mrs. McWilliams was an active member of Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church, Graysville, where she had been the oldest living member and had sung in the choir. She was also a member of the Auxiliary to the Philipsburg Presbyterian Home. During her life, Mrs. McWilliams was a homemaker and had worked at Nittany Co-operative in State College for 10 years. She enjoyed sports, music and needlecrafts.

Funeral services will be held at the Church with the Rev. Carl D. Campbell officiating. Interment will be Graysville Cemetery.

(1995) **Clark Harpster**, 89, formerly of Pennsylvania Furnace, died Tuesday, Nov. 7, 1995, at the Presbyterian Home of Moshannon Valley in Philipsburg.

He was born on Aug. 26, 1906, in Spruce Creek Valley, the son of the late Edward S. and Mary Jane Marshall Harpster. On Feb. 28, 1931, he was married to Harriet M. Judy, who died on July 27, 1992.

He attended Baileyville School. He was a machinist for the Applied Research Laboratory at Penn State University for 25, retiring in 1971. Prior to that he was a plasterer for many years. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, and was an avid gardener. He was a member and former trustee of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church and the Baileyville Sportsman Club.

He is survived by a daughter, Mary Carper of Pennsylvania Furnace; two brothers, Charles Harpster of Pine Grove Mills and Jay F. Harpster of Pennsylvania Furnace; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by a son, Clark Harpster Jr., who died in December 1938.

The funeral will be held at the Church with the

Rev. Ted Plott officiating. Burial will be in the Graysville Cemetery.

(1995) **Bertha M. Schilling**, 89, of Pine Grove Mills, died Tuesday, Nov. 28, 1995, in the Centre Community Hospital, State College.

Born Sept. 24, 1906, at Petersburg, she was a daughter of the late Walter B. and Dessa Jane (Leamer) Gates. She was married to Willis A. Schilling on Dec. 23, 1924. Mr. Schilling died March 5, 1994. Surviving are four daughters: Mrs. Eugene (Doris I.) Barto and Mrs. George (Edna S.) Harpster, both of Pine Grove Mills; Mrs. Ernest (Lois M.) Barto, Pennsylvania Furnace; and Mrs. James (Janet L.) Rider, Gatesburg; 14 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. Also surviving is a sister, Edna Rothrock, of Johnstown.

Mrs. Schilling was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church. She was a charter member and served as secretary of the Baileyville Grange and was a member of the Pine Grove Mills Senior Citizens, Penn State Faculty Retirees and the Nittany Antique Machinery Association. Educated in the Petersburg public schools, Mrs. Schilling was a homemaker and was also employed by the State College Area School District as a cook at the cafeteria at Ferguson Township Elementary School. She retired in 1972. Mrs. Schilling was an avid crocheter.

Funeral services will be held at the Church with the Rev. Ted Plott and the Rev. Carl D. Campbell officiating. Interment will be in the Mooresville Cemetery, Petersburg R.D.

(1996) **Robert S. Keller**, 65, of Spruce Creek, died Monday, May 20, 1996, at his residence.

He was born Feb. 5, 1931, in Franklinville, the son of the late Scott M. and Jane M. McCartney Keller. On Oct. 16, 1954, in Winchester, Va., he married Lulu I. Meek, who survives in Spruce Creek.

He was employed at Murata Erie in State College from 1957 until retiring in 1992. He was also the owner of the Spruce Creek Gun Shop, which opened in 1969. He was a sergeant in the U.S. Army Signal Corps from 1951 until 1953, having served during the Korean War.

He was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church. He was a member of State College Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks 1600, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Bellefonte, the National Rifle Association, and a lifelong member of the Path Gap Hunting Camp in Spruce Creek.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one daughter, Linda Carper of Sinking Valley; two sons,

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Scott Keller of Spruce Creek and David Keller of Howard; and four grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Bruce Cox Funeral Home with the Rev. Ted Plott officiating. Burial will be in Frankville Cemetery.

(1996) **Glenn E. Houck**, 62, of Seven Stars Farm, Spruce Creek, was pronounced dead at 8:50 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6, 1996, in the emergency room of Tyrone Hospital, following a farm accident.

Born Aug. 20, 1933, at Seven Stars, he was a son of the late Joseph E. and Ann (Johnston) Houck. He was married to the former Lucille Johnson on March 1, 1958, at the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are his wife, at their home; four children: Vaughn Houck of Danville, Brian Houck of Spruce Creek, Mrs. Frank (Rena) Jackson of Lubbock, Texas, and Nadine Houck, Denver (Pa.); and four grandchildren. Also surviving is a brother, Alvin Houck, of Tyrone R.D. 4.

Preceding him in death were a son, Lorne G. Houck, on Aug. 20, 1986, and a brother, James Houck, in 1948.

Mr. Houck was a life-long member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church, Graysville, where he had served as a deacon. He was also a member of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau; the board of directors of both the American Dairy Association-Mid East; a former member of the board of directors, Huntingdon County Cooperative Extension; a member of the Huntingdon County committee of the Farm Service Agency; and was actively involved in Huntingdon County Dairy Promotions and other dairy farm-related activities.

Mr. Houck was also an active supporter of youth programs at the Huntingdon County Fair and with the Future Farmers of America. A graduate of Warriors Mark High School, Class of 1951, Mr. Houck also attended Penn State University School of Agriculture for two years. In addition to operating Seven Stars Farm, a well-known dairy farm in Franklin Township, Mr. Houck was, at the time of his death, serving as a Franklin Township supervisor. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served with the Army's Signal Intelligence Detachment in Germany.

A memorial service will be held at the Church with the Rev. Ted Plott and the Rev. Donald McIlvride officiating. Interment will be in Graysville Cemetery.

(1997) **Kathleen J. Allison**, 80, who had resided with her sister at Spruce Creek since 1992, formerly of Lewistown, died July 26, 1997, in the Tyrone

Hospital.

Born July 31, 1916, at Lewistown, she was a daughter of Samuel L. and Maizie (McColm) Allison.

Surviving is her sister, Mrs. Harold (Marjorie) Wertz, of Franklinville, with whom she had resided.

Miss Allison was a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church, Graysville. She was also a member of the Warriors Mark Senior Citizens, the Auxiliary to Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge, Hollywood, Fla.; and Martha's Circle of First Presbyterian Church, Hollywood, Fla. She and her sister had wintered in Hollywood, Fla. for several years.

A graduate of Lewistown High School, Miss Allison worked at McCrory's 5 & 10, in Lewistown, for a brief time following her graduation from high school, then spent a period of time caring for her mother at their home. Following her mother's death, she was employed as a file clerk by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, in Harrisburg, from which she retired after 14 years of service.

Funeral services will be held at the Church with the Rev. Ted J. Plott and the Rev. Ronald Lynch officiating. Interment will be in Franklinville Cemetery.

(1998) **Beulah B. Behrer**, 81, formerly of Graysville, Huntingdon County, died Sunday, Jan. 4, 1998, at Centre Crest Nursing Home, Bellefonte, where she lived for the past seven months.

She was born May 18, 1916, in Gatesburg, Centre County, the daughter of Robert G. and Maude M. (DeArmit) Strayer. She married Charles M. Behrer, Sr. Aug. 23, 1938, in Pine Grove Mills.

Mrs. Behrer was a member of Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church.

She retired from the Food and Housing Department of Penn State University.

Surviving are her husband of Bellefonte; two sons: Robert W. of Pennsylvania Furnace and Charles M. Jr. of Bellefonte; a brother, Samuel of Bellefonte; two grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter. She is also survived by two grandchildren: Kirk W. Behrer of Pennsylvania Furnace, and Diana L. Houck of Centre Hall. She was preceded in death by a sister and three brothers.

Arrangements by Bruce E. Cox Funeral Home, Warriors Mark.

(1998) **Charles M. Behrer, Sr.**, 77, formerly of Graysville, Huntingdon County, died Friday, Jan. 16, 1998, at Centre Crest Nursing Home, Bellefonte,



where he had resided for the past four months.

He was born Jan. 18, 1920, in Rock spring, the son of Chester W. and Cora Belle (Rumberger) Behrer. He married Beulah B. Strayer Aug. 23, 1938, in Pine Grove Mills. She died Jan. 4, 1998.

Mr. Behrer was a member and past trustee of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Behrer was employed by Penn State University in the Seed Foundation and Agronomy Department, retiring in 1982. Previously, he had managed several farms in Spruce Creek Valley for many years. Mr. Behrer was also a former Franklin Township supervisor. He was a member of the Tyrone Fishing Club.

Surviving are two sons: Robert W. of Pennsylvania Furnace and Charles M., Jr. of Bellefonte; two brothers: S. Derwood and Donald L., both of Bellefonte; three sisters: Helen E. Fisher of Tyrone, B. Fay Ward of Bethalto, Ill., and Roxy Belle Davis of Bellefonte; two grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter. Mr. Behrer was preceded in death by two brothers. He is also survived by two grandchildren: Kirk W. Behrer of Pennsylvania Furnace and Diana L. Houck of Centre Hall.

Arrangements by Bruce E. Cox Funeral Home, Warriors Mark.

(1998) **John Edward Pekruhn** - Widely known Pittsburgh architect and educator John Edward Pekruhn had a distinguished career in New York City before coming here to work and teach at Carnegie Mellon University 1947. While here he earned a lasting reputation for advocating to his students high quality and gentlemanliness as hallmarks of the architectural profession.

Mr. Pekruhn, 82, died Monday (2/26/98) at Presbyterian SeniorCare in Oakmont.

While in New York, he was head of architecture for the firm of Norman Bel Geddes, a prominent architect and modern designer perhaps best known for outstanding Broadway theatrical sets of the 1920s-30s. Mr. Pekruhn also worked for the late New York architect William Lescage, designer of Pittsburgh's One Oliver Plaza.

In addition to designing St. Thomas in the Fields Episcopal Church in Richland and several residences here, Mr. Pekruhn taught in the Department of Architecture, School of Architecture, at Carnegie Mellon for 32 years. He retired in 1979.

A fellow of the American Institute of Architects, Mr. Pekruhn was associated with various projects in Pennsylvania and Ohio as well as with work for the Pittsburgh Board of Education and with a project of demountable classrooms for the Ford Foundation. He was also a member of the state board of architectural registration.

Art Ruprecht, partner in RSH Architects in Scott, recalled that Mr. Pekruhn was a senior thesis professor at Carnegie Mellon in 1969-70.

"There never was a more refined or kinder man in such a position of critical awareness. He truly gave a perspective and an attitude on design. During the redesign of East Liberty, he battled the federal Dept. of Housing and Urban Development to produce a housing project of high quality there," he said.

Mr. Pekruhn was born in Steubenville, Ohio, in 1915 and was valedictorian of his high school class. He was a graduate of Carnegie Institute of Technology and attended Harvard University.

Mr. Pekruhn is survived by his wife, Nancy McMahon Pekruhn; a son, John Phillipson Pekruhn; and a daughter, Susan Pekruhn Glotfelty, all of Pittsburgh.

Burial will be in the cemetery of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church in Pennsylvania Furnace, Huntingdon County. H. Samson Funeral Home of Oakland is handling arrangements.

*This information has been collected from newspaper accounts except in the few instances where noted otherwise. In order to conserve space, a few details have been omitted from the original clippings. These include exact times of death and/or funeral services, and repeated mention of the full name of the church and its location. Anyone interested in these details can check with History Committee members or local newspaper files.*



## The Congregation — Memorial Gifts

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Year	Gift	In Memory of:	Presented By
	Pulpit Light	Gertrude Miller	Maude Miller
1953	Communion Set	George C. Lake	George C. Lake, Jr. John B. Lake
1957	Communion Table	Robert G. Goheen Nannie Belle Goheen	Lester D. Goheen
	Cross (on Communion Table)	Anna P. Brown	
	Candle Sticks (on Communion Table)	William H. & Susan F. Johnston	Anna P. Brown
1960	Outside Bulletin Board	Cora Behrer Merle Behrer	Faye Ward
1963	Baptismal Fount	Mabel P. Behrer	Alfred E. Behrer Family & Edgington Presbyterian Church
1964	Pulpit Bible	Robert Reed	Mrs. Robert (Margaret) & Paul Reed
1966	Organ	Ella N. Oliver	James Oliver, Sr. Elizabeth Lake Robert Oliver
1967	Picture— <i>Good Shepherd</i>	Thomas Behrer	Couple's Club
1967	Picture— <i>Jesus &amp; Children</i>	Thomas Behrer	Alfred Behrer Family
1967	Hurlbit's <i>Story of the Bible</i>	Thomas Behrer	Sunday School Class Anna Mary Lake, Teacher
1969	<i>The Bible Story</i>	Thomas Behrer	Edgington Presbyterian Church (Alfred Behrer, pastor)
1970	Pews in choir loft (piano side)	Denton & Helen Peterson	Miriam Judy Isabelle Lauder
1970	Pews in choir loft (organ side)	Alfred & Emma Peterson Denton, Mary, Harry, Owen, Mabel (Behrer) & Roy Peterson	Emma Rung James Peterson Jane Baney Alfred Behrer John Behrer
1973	Worship books	Loved Ones	Congregation Members
1973	Cross (front of Church)	Rev. A. Claude Clever (Pastor: 6-64 to 9-68)	Memorial Fund Mrs. Claude (Florence) Clever (Made by George C. Lake III)
1974	Offering Plates	Alex E. Johnston	Anna Jane Johnston Edwin Johnston David Johnston
1976	Piano	Reuben & Mabel Behrer	Jane Baney Alfred Behrer John Behrer
1976	Pulpit Pew	Rev. T. Thompson Moore (Pastor: 6-69 to 7-74)	Congregation

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<b>Year</b>	<b>Gift</b>	<b>In Memory of:</b>	<b>Presented By</b>
1978	Pew Bibles & Racks	Anna Mary Lake	George C. Lake, Jr. Margaret Ann Ingle Lois Lindsay Henry Mary Louise Ferner George C. Lake, III John B. Lake
1979	Memorial Book & Stand	Reuben E. Behrer	Edgington Presbyterian Church (Alfred Behrer, Pastor) (Made by James Baney)
1981	Amplifier in the Sanctuary	Chester W. Behrer Agnes Dixon Behrer	Faye & Martin Ward & Friends
1980	Choir gowns		Memorial Fund
1982	American Flag Christian Flag	Roberta Gunsallus	Joseph H. Gunsallus Mrs. & Mrs. William Barnett Mr. & Mrs. Robert Oliver Mrs. & Mrs. Edward Zeuner
1982	A Monetary Gift to the American Bible Society	John C.B. Lake	Memorial Gifts
1985	Picture of Sallman's "Head of Christ"	Madeline Davis Norlander	The Thomas Alfred Davis Family
1987	Sound System	Lorne Houck	The Houck Family Memorial Gifts
1987	Ceiling Fans for the Sanctuary	Harold A. Wertz, Sr.	Marjorie A. Wertz Memorial Gifts
1989	TV/VCR/and Cart	Lorne Houck	The Houck Family Memorial Gifts
1990	Oak Lectern	R. Herl & Matilda Poust	Their son, William Randall Poust
1994	Easel	Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Judy	Their daughter, Barbara Ray
1994	Window	Rev. R. M. Campbell	Betty & Randall Poust
1994	Window	Lee Ellenberger	Wife, Gladys and sons Ned & Mark Ellenberger
1994	Window	To God Be the Glory	John & Bernice Behrer
1996	A Pitcher & Bread Tray added to the Communion Set	In recognition of John C. Behrer's 43 years service as Church Treasurer, 1953-1996	The Congregation
1996	Chair/Stair Lift	Clark & Harriet Harpster	Daughter, Mary Carper and Grandchildren
1996	Venetian Blinds in the Front Hall	Robert S. Keller	Lu Keller and Family
1997	Presbyterian Hymnals	Loved ones	The Congregation

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### Spruce Creek Church Records of Returned Soldiers from the War of 1914-1919

A Welcome Home Service was held in the Presbyterian Church at Graysville, Pa. August 31st, 1919 at 11 a.m. Lieutenant Paul Ward spoke for the soldiers. The Pastor Rev. R.M. Campbell, D.D. preached a short sermon from Deut. 33:26. *"There is none like unto the God of Jeshurun, who rideth upon the heaven in thy help and in the excellency on the sky. The Eternal God is thy Refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms"*.

There are many religions in the world. We accept the true religion--that which is set forth in the Bible. Religion is love and obedience toward God. Patriotism is love of country. The thoughts developed in the sermon were:

I. Religion and patriotism united bring prosperity.

II. Religion and patriotism divorced bring ruin.

After the sermon, the service flag was demobilized. These service men attended the welcome home service in uniform: Wallace Archery, Alfred David, Ernest Gorman, Paul Ward, Warren Ward; also, Paul Brown, Clarence David, George McDowell, Howard Harpster and Willis Weaver; and not in uniform, Charles Hoffman.

Wallace Brown Archery - Went to war June 1st, 1917. Was discharged July 12th, 1919. He entered United States Army Ambulance Service Medical Department. He served in Camp Crane, Allentown, Pa. and Camp Upton, Long Island, N.Y.

George Hugh Irvin - Went to war June 1st, 1917. Was discharged April 26th, 1919. He entered 530 U.S. Army Ambulance Service. He served in Italy and France.

Warren Simon Ward - Enlisted June 1, 1917. Was discharged May 25th, 1919. Entered United States Army Ambulance Service with the French Army. He served in Montidier Sector, Soisson Sector, Noyon Sector, Champagne Sector, Vosges Sector, French army of occupation in Alsace and Lorraine.

Thomas Albert Frank - Enlisted July 17, 1917. Was discharged December 23, 1919. Entered United States Marine Corps. Served in Santo Domingo Republic.

Paul Cameron Ward - Entered training camp August 28, 1917. Was discharged May 28, 1919. Branch of service: 1st Lieutenant, 30th U. S. Infantry, Regular. Served in Champagne-Marne (defensive) (Chateau-Thierry) May 30-July 15, 1918; Aisne-Marne (offensive) July 18- August 11, 1918; St. Mihiel (offensive) September 22-September 16, 1918; Meuse-Argonne (offensive) Sept. 27-October 28, 1918; Army of occupation January 25-May 10, 1919.

Leroy Everhart Gates - Enlisted November 16th, 1917 at Fort Slocum, New York. Discharged June 16th, 1919. Entered Refrigeration branch of Quartermaster Corps. Served fifteen months at Gieunes, France; two months at Bendorf, Germany.

Ralph Harrison Harpster - Enlisted February 17, 1918. Discharged October 31, 1919. Entered Chemical Warfare Service. Served in American University, Washington, D.C.

Ernest E. Gorman - Enlisted October 16th, 1917. Was discharged June 20th, 1919. Entered Observation Service. Served in the 64 Balloon Company, Arcadia, California.

Isaac Hubert McWilliams - Enlisted April 30, 1918. Discharged June 6, 1919. Entered Field Artillery A Battery 313 F.A. 80th Division. Served in France.

Thomas Alfred Davis - Enlisted June 1st, 1918 at Huntingdon, Pa. Discharged December 29th, 1918. Entered Field Artillery. Served in Camp Jackson, South Carolina.

Lincoln Flinn Henry - Enlisted June 15th, 1918. Discharged February 1st, 1919. Entered Motor Transport Service, Motor Supply train #423, Motor Truck Company #509. Served in England.

Roy Craine Henry - Enlisted June 15th, 1918. Discharged October 6th, 1919. Entered Motor Truck Company #497. Served in Scotland, England, France, Germany.

Stanley Campbell Oliver - Entered into service July 23, 1918. Discharged November 23, 1918. Branch of service: Infantry. Place of service: (1) Co. F2 Training and Replacement Battalion, Camp Lee to September 14, 1918. (2) 21 Co. Central Officers Training School, Camp Lee, Va. to November 23, 1918.

### Reprint of a 1918 Newspaper Article — Patriotic Meeting at Graysville

In hearty co-operation with the call for patriotic meetings on April 6th the citizens of Franklin township met at Graysville on Saturday evening, at 7 o'clock and raised a flag to take the place of the one torn down by wind and rain. The mildness of the beautiful evening made it possible for the people to form in a parade and follow the children carrying the flag from the church to the flag-pole. Here the two old veterans, Isaac Woomer and George Deter, raised the flag to the accompaniment of "The Star Spangled Banner; and Dr. Campbell's prayer brought all hearts to communion.

The assembled citizens immediately returned to the church for a patriotic service. Mr. Charles Colabine presided. Two young girls, Elsie Gorman and Sarah Kocher, recited poems. There were national hymns and two fine addresses by Messrs. Wood and Holmes, of State college. Mr. Wood brought personal messages from boys in France and chose as his theme, "We can do all things through Him that

strengtheneth us." His earnest words will bear fruit. Mr. Holmes showed us what, as a nation, we had accomplished in one year, plead for continued willing sacrifice and put the buying of Liberty Bonds in a most understandable light. Dr. Campbell gave a few appreciative remarks at the close of the address and pronounced the benediction.

The ladies of the Emergency Aid held a festival and Mrs. States baked them a cake which, besides serving as a handsome centerpiece, brought in over four dollars. To increase interest and to show they are learning war recipes, the ladies had a table of very tempting bread, muffins, cookies, nut-loaf, etc. baked by various Spruce Creek valley cooks and gave sample tastes free, and exchanged recipes and experiences.

The meeting will prove a help to those present.

John M. Wigton  
Member of Committee of Safety

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### **Civil War**

Isaac L. Woomer - Army - Pa. Vol (1862-1863) Antietam, Md and Chancellorsville, Va.

### **Mexican War**

Edmund K. Woomer - Army National Guard, 1909-1916 Mt. Gretna, PA; 125th Reg. U. S. Army 1916-1917 El Paso, TX

### **World War II Veterans**

Chaplain Albertus Groendyk - See "Pastors" Section  
James Baney - U.S. Army, 1942-1946 - Iceland, Okinawa  
Edward J. Beebe - wounded in Italy on June 1, 1944 and was a POW until May 3, 1945. See "Pastors" section also.  
Mary L. Beebe - See newspaper clipping in "Pastors" section  
John C. Behrer - U.S. Navy, 1944-1946 - USS Stringham APO6; 1951-1952 - USS Huse DE145 (Korean Conflict)  
Stanley E. Behrer - U.S. Army, 1942-1945 - Germany, Battle of the Bulge  
John R. Carnes - U.S. Army, WWII  
H. Darl Clouser - U.S. Army, WWII  
Stanley Clouser - U.S. Army, WWII  
Harold Gorman - U.S. Navy, 1941-1949 - Atlantic/Europe, Asia/Pacific  
William Gorman - U.S. Navy, 1943-1946 - South Pacific, Carrier USS Yorktown  
Donald C. Henry - U.S. Army, 1943-1945 - Germany  
E. Benjamin Johnston - U.S. Army, 1942-1945 - South Pacific  
John F. Johnston - 540 Ordnance Co, 1942-1946 - South Pacific, Japan  
William B. Johnston - U.S. Army, 1942-1945 - South Pacific  
William A. Kendall - U.S. Marine Corps, 1943-46 - Iwo Jima  
George Weaver - U.S. Navy, 1944-1946 - European Theater, Atlantic Ocean Submarine Patrol  
John Woomer - U.S. Army Signal Corps, 1945-1947 - Berlin, Germany  
Thomas H. Lake - U.S. Navy, 1941-1946 - Philippines  
George C. McWilliams - Army-Air Force, 1942-1945 - South Pacific  
John W. Newlin - U.S. Navy, 1942-1947 - South Pacific/Washington, D.C.  
Robert G. Peterson - U.S. Navy, 1942-1945  
John E. Powley - U.S. Army, 1941-1945 - 3475th Ordnance Med Automotive Maintenance Co.- Asiatic Pacific  
Georgia Woomer (Nurse Cadet Corps), 1942 - N.Y.C. Veterans Hospital  
J. Levere Wyse - U.S. Army, WWII, Germany  
Roe Cunningham - Army Air Force - 1942-1946 - Various bases throughout U.S.  
Samuel Hayes - U.S. Army, 1942-1947 - Africa, Italy  
Samuel L. Lake - U.S. Air Force, 1943-1946 - Meridian Mississippi

### **More Recent Veterans**

Paul D. Weaver - U.S. Navy, 1950-1954 - Moffett Field, CA, Korea  
Paul Reed - U.S. Navy, 1951-1955 - Mediterranean, Atlantic  
Robert F. Keller - U.S. Army Signal Corps, 1951-1954 - Ft. Gordon, GA, Korean Conflict  
Winfield C. Boyd - U.S. Army, 1951-1954 - Ft. Buss, TX, Arlington, VA  
Earl L. Carper - U.S. Army, 1952-1954 - Fort Lewis, Washington  
James S. Oliver, Jr. - U.S. Army, 1953-1955- Arkansas  
Warren Merle Behrer - U.S. Army, 1953-1955 - Ft. Hood, TX, Korean Conflict  
Glenn Houck - U.S. Army, 1954-1956 - Germany  
Robert N. Oliver - U.S. Army, 1956-1960 - Germany, U.S. Reserve  
Edward S. Newlin - U.S. Army, 1958-1962 - US  
Ed King - U.S. Army, 1968-1971 - Vietnam  
Frank Henry - U.S. Air Force, 1960-1981 - Washington, D.C., Ft. Meade, MD  
John Borders - U.S. Marine Corps, 1961-1981 - Vietnam, London  
Scott E. Bresler - Army Intelligence, 1971-1974 - Fort Huachuca, AZ; Washington, D.C.  
George Lake III - U.S. Marine Corps, 1971 - present, NATO, Japan, Korea  
Roger L. Woomer - U.S. Army, 1971-1974 - Fort Polk, LA  
John E. Heichel - U.S. Army Reserve, 1971-1978 - Fort Dix, NJ; Leonardwood, MO  
Edmund S. Woomer - U.S. Army, 1981-1986 - Aberdeen Proving Grounds, MD, Washington D.C.,  
Scott Robert Judy - U.S. Army, 1988 - Present - Germany, Various PA Reserve Units, Desert Storm  
Donald R. Judy - U.S. Army, 1952-1954 - Fort Campbell, KY  
Robert E. Judy - U.S. Air Force, 1965-1969 - Alaska

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Veterans buried in Graysville Cemetery affiliated with Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church or the old Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church. Research has been done at both the local and county level to verify this information. Additions or corrections may be made in the church library copy of this book. Please include your information source.

Archey, Robert - Civil War  
Artman, William E. - WWII

Bailey, Alfred - Civil War  
Bailey, George - War of 1812  
Bailey, William H. - Civil War  
Bathurst, Antis - Civil War  
Bathurst, H.A. - Civil War  
Bell, A.M. - Civil War  
Bell, John - Civil War  
Bell, W.R. - Civil War  
Boyle, Robert - Civil War  
Behrer, Warren M. - Korean Conflict  
Brown, G. Calvin - WWII

Carper, Earl - Korean Conflict  
Curry, William - Civil War

Deter, Jonathan McW. - Civil War

Emigh, Jacob - Civil War  
Everhart, John M. - WWII

Frank, Thomas A. - WWI

Gardner, Robert - Revolutionary War  
Glenn, John - Civil War  
Glenn, William B. - Civil War  
Goheen, John B. - Civil War  
Goheen, John - Revolutionary War  
Gorman, Ernest - WWI  
Gorman, Harold - WWII

Henry, Roy Craine WWI  
Houck, Glenn - 1954-56

Johnston, Thomas M. - Civil War  
Johnston, William - WWII  
Johnston, John F. - WWII  
Judy, Donald - Korean Conflict

Laporta, Lemuel - Civil War  
Laporta, Samuel - Civil War  
Leech, John M. - Civil War

Miller, John H. - Civil War  
McFarland, William - Civil War  
McWilliams, Samuel - War of 1812  
McWilliams, Thomas - Civil War

Newlin, John W. - WWII

Oliver, Stanley C. - WWI

Porter, Lyon A. - WWII  
Powley, John - WWII  
Powley, Norman - WWII

Rudy, John C. - WWII

Strayer, Eugene - WWII  
Stevenson, John - Civil War  
Sims, James - Civil War

Travis, George - Civil War  
Travis, William M. - Civil War

Ward, Simon - Civil War  
Ward, Warren S. WWI  
Weaver, Willis - WWI  
Wigton, Christopher H. - War of 1812  
Wigton, Wade H. Civil War  
Wrye, John - Civil War  
Woomer, Edmund - Mexican War  
Woomer, Isaac - Civil War



## Important Dates in Church History

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- 1766 On September 12 the name "Spruce Creek" officially applied to the creek "we know so well."
- 1776 Archie Hutchinson received a land grant on Warriors Mark Run--one of the oldest in the Township.
- 1777 Earliest settlers arrived in and near Graysville--Travis', followed by the Fowlers in 1783, Craines and Deans in 1784, and the Ewings, Clarks, Nicholsons (*sometimes spelled Nickle*), Weaklands, and Grays who all came in 1786.
- 1780-1790 Locating in and near Seven Stars were the Montgomerys, McCartneys, Ingrams, & Hunters.
- 1791-1798 Locating in and around Rock Springs were the Goheens, Baileys, Gardners, McWilliams, Borlands, Glens, and Bells.
- 1798 Rev. Samuel Bryson was installed as the first regular ordained minister. He later married Ann Craine, and they are buried together in the Graysville Cemetery.
- 1804 James Armitage, age 84, was the first person buried in the new Graysville Cemetery, land for which was donated by Mr. Ewing.
- 1805 A log church, 30' square, was built on a hill in Graysville Cemetery.  
--built on high land to protect all from Indian surprises.  
--had galleries on two sides and one opposite the high pulpit.  
--congregation first sat on "sleepers" and later had board seats like benches, with no backs.  
--at this time, the old valley road ran close to the hilltop church--between it and the ridge
- 1800-1850 A number of new families moved to the Graysville area: Stewarts, Wigtons, LaPortes, Porters, Olivers, Archeys, Lyons, Johnstons, Campbells, Stalkers, Hamiltons, J.Q. Adams, Watts, and Thompsons.
- 1800+ The population increased with the influx of workers for the new iron furnaces at Huntingdon, and Colerain. Two new satellite churches were established at Colerain and Baileyville.
- 1823 John McIlhenny was to be installed as pastor, but a woman who had followed him from Ireland appeared and claimed to be his wife. Although John denied this vehemently, he failed to convince the Presbytery so they refused to install him.
- 1827 Rev. Samuel Hill was pastor. Under his ministry a frame church was built on the same site on the hill in the Graysville Cemetery in 1830. In 1828 a Sabbath School was started in Baileyville.
- 1845 Rev. John White was pastor. The congregation was divided on the subject of Psalmody. For a time there were two churches (First and Second) meeting in the same building.
- 1850-1859 The first manse was built for the iron master families and given as a gift to the congregation by John and Anna P. Lyon, David and Sarah Stewart, William M. Lyon, John T. and Mary Mathias and James B. and Annie Murray on June 8, 1859.
- 1857 Construction began on the present stone church.  
- Carpenters were Washington Reynolds, Wm. Riley, Dan Frank, Squire Leech  
- Lumber was donated by Squire Leech who operated an up and down water powered saw mill adjacent to the grist mill in Graysville; by W.B. Johnston, operator of another saw mill; by Jonathon McWilliams, and by Christopher Wigton, whose wild cherry wood was used to make the pulpit.  
- Stone was quarried from the Ellenberger Farm and hauled to the site by a sled and a two-wheeled dump cart. James Oliver was the contractor, having had experience as a contractor on the canals.

## Important Dates in Church History

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- Dedication was March 26, 1858. The church measured 45' x 75' and cost \$6,000 to build. It seated 228.
- Ladies of the church attended to the furnishing of the interior; the pews were "handsomely upholstered, the pulpit a "model of elegant simplicity." There were carpets and lamps. A request from the pulpit asked that the gentlemen use no tobacco in this church.

1858 The two churches were reunited as one congregation when the present stone church was built. The frame church was then abandoned for a time and later moved to Rock Springs to be used for afternoon "appointments" and Sabbath School. In 1878, the frame church was sold to a private concern.

1850-1925 Peaceful years, with the exception of 1917 & 1918.

1866 Rev. Samuel Orris, a bachelor, was here three years as pastor and then called to Princeton College to teach Greek. He had a verse in the faculty song, which began, "Oh, here's to Sister Orris, dear."

1930, 1940, 1952 Exterior was repainted by church members.

1938 The choir loft was moved to the front of the church and an electric organ installed. The kitchen and Sunday School rooms were repaired. This was the year of the Sesquicentennial celebration.

1948 The furnace was repaired and running water and electric stoves were installed; the sanctuary was recarpeted. The first manse was sold and the house next door, built in 1919 by the Copley sisters, was purchased as the "new manse" and is still in use today.

1957 The 4th roof was put on; rest rooms were installed on the first floor.

1958 The church members celebrated the 100th anniversary of service in the stone church.

1987 The 5th church roof was put on.

1988 Church parking lot paved.  
Computer, software, printer purchased for the church.

1991 A copier purchased

1993 Sanctuary windows replaced.

1994 Painting of Sunday School room. New drapes for all downstairs windows.  
Manse rewired, new roof and new windows installed.

1995 The manse was renovated and repaired, with wiring and plumbing upgraded in anticipation of the arrival of the current pastor, Ted J. Plott. This also included sanding and refinishing the floors.

1996 Church office (study) was constructed at the church.  
Recognition of John Behrer's service as treasurer.

## Events from Church Treasurer's Records (1953-1996)

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1953	The manse was painted.	1981	Church ceiling was insulated.
1953-58	Property tax was paid on the manse (No property tax paid after 1958.)	1982	Purchased carpet for large Sunday School room. Insulated Church ceiling. Insulated manse basement ceiling.
1954	Rest rooms were built in the church.	1984	Painted manse exterior and garage. Put new spouting on Church Church exterior painted.
1956	Church exterior was painted.	1986	New roof was put on the church.
1957	Purchased a new church furnace. Put new roof on church.	1987	Refrigerator, automatic washer, and electric clothes dryer were purchased for manse.
1958	Church interior was painted. New church ceiling installed.	1988	The ceiling fans were installed at the church. Purchased computer for church.
1960	Baileyville chapel was painted and steeple repaired. Carpet was purchased for Graysville church sanctuary.	1989	A new furnace was installed in both church and manse. A new sound system was installed in the church.
1962	Purchased folding chairs. Purchased the pulpit lectern.	1990	The parking lot on the west side of the Church was paved. Manse bathroom was remodeled.
1963	Manse was painted.	1991	Purchased copier.
1964	Baileyville chapel was sold. Purchased church furnace. Manse kitchen cabinets installed. Purchased manse furnace.	1992	Renewed water line across Spruce Creek. Purchased Stylewriter printer.
1969	Church exterior painted.	1993	"Spruce Creek Christmas" was transferred to videotape.
1970	Church interior painted. New roof put on church. Purchased new pews.	1994	Painted interior of large Sunday School room. Windows in the sanctuary were replaced.
1973	Placed cross on front wall of sanctuary. Purchased Worship Books	1995	All new electrical wiring was installed in manse. A new roof was put on manse.
1976	Purchased church furnace.	1995-96	Office was built in church.
1978	Insulation blown in walls of manse. Purchased pew bibles and racks.		
1979	Church interior and exterior painted.		
1980	Purchased choir robes. Sound system installed.		

Compiled by John C. Behrer,  
Church Treasurer 1953-1996

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From *Echoes from Warriors Mark, Pennsylvania and Surrounding Areas* by Elizabeth Nearhoof (Printed in July 1968).

**Baileyville Chapel.** About 1878, the Andrew Carnegie Iron officials approached the Graysville Presbyterian Church officials and asked them to sponsor a Presbyterian congregation at Baileyville. This was agreed upon and the chapel was built with financial help from the Carnegie family. It stands today as it was built then. It has never been a constituted church. Preaching service was held in the evenings, and most people who attended the chapel also attended morning worship service at Graysville. Sunday School was first held in the afternoon; later, in the morning. The highest roll was between 100 and 125. Leaders of the congregation were Warren S. Ward, Superintendent of the Sunday School for 38 years, elder and trustee at Graysville church; William E. McWilliams, Asst. Superintendent and teacher for many years George Irvin, Edward Isenberg, and Max Ward, all serving in the office of Superintendent. Max Ward was also a teacher. Miss Mary Gardner was the Primary Department Superintendent for many years.

About 1963, during Rev. Donald Davis' ministry at Graysville Church, the Presbytery closed the Chapel and the building was bought at a public sale by Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Metzger of State College. Following the sale a group held Sunday School and some church services for several years. At present no services are held.

**Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church, Graysville.** Records indicate a congregation organized in this vicinity around 1798. There is no record of a building, thus we assume they met in homes and barns in Spruce Creek Valley as they did near Spring Mount and Center Line. Some worshipped in the Dry Hollow Meeting House, at Seven Stars, and some went to Warriors Mark Mission Church.

The first church was of logs . . . it was about 30 feet square and had galleries on the two sides with one opposite the high pulpit "being for that day quite a spacious building. It was not finished before 1805 and at first had no seats, the congregation sitting on the sleepers" followed by board seats without backs. The church had east and west gables, according to one source. This stood on the hill, where Graysville Cemetery now is located, south of the row of elms which marked the old highway. Years later when no church stood here, the site was used for graves. This land was bought at \$25 per acre from James and John

Ewing in 1832. The frame church which replaced the log one was built in 1830. Mary McFarland gave the Bible which was in the log church,<sup>1</sup> to Edmund Woome who cherishes it today.

From 1825 until 1843, Rev. Samuel Hill was pastor, followed by Rev. John McIlhenny. Rev. Hill preached long sermons, was strong on catechetical instruction, and outspoken regarding drinking. Some members did not like his radical views, and frequently showed hostility toward him. Their disrespect flared before he retired in 1836. They entered the church, chopped to pieces the pulpit, and cut the Bible into shreds. By 1847, the congregation was divided regarding the use of Rouse's version of David's Psalms, and the General Assembly Psalms and Hymns. That year those who favored the General Assembly Psalms and Hymns were given a resolution to organize a new church to be built where the stone church stands today. Those wanting David's Psalms were to have the exclusive use of the frame church on the hill. Both congregations reserved the right to the use of the cemetery. Both congregations used the house of worship on the hill until the present stone church was built. The frame church was torn down sometime after 1859, and moved to Rock Springs where it was rebuilt into a church where afternoon meetings were held.

Work in the stone church started in 1856, and it was dedicated March 26, 1858. It measures 45 x 76 feet, and cost \$6,000. W. B. Johnston, Jonathan McWilliams, and Christopher Wigton donated wood; that of Mr. Wigton being wild cherry from which the pulpit was made. The shingles were of split oak, a very straight-grained wood. It is thought the Graffiuses of Alexandria made these, as they were known for their skill in this type of work. The church seats approximately 228.

James Oliver (1807-1891), great grandfather of Robert Oliver, James Oliver, Jr. and Elizabeth Oliver Lake (Mrs. James), owned the present Elrea E. Ellenberger farm and from it the blue limestone was quarried and hauled to the site by sled and a two-wheeled dump cart. Mr. Oliver emigrated from Ireland in 1828 and was blind 13 years before his death. He was a contractor in building canals and experienced in handling stone.

Soon after the dedication a notice published in

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<sup>1</sup> The pulpit bible was printed 1831; so it seems more likely that it was bought for use in the frame church.

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the Presbyterian stated: "It is neatly finished within and without, pews handsomely upholstered, pulpit a model of elegant simplicity, carpets, lamps, everything complete. The Ladies of the congregation having attended to the furnishings of the interior, a reasonable request was made from the pulpit, viz: that gentlemen would use no tobacco in this church."

In 1881, Trustees were: John Bailey, John Goheen, Robert Gardner, George W. Reynolds, Thomas Davis, Andrew Oliver, and John M. Wigton.

In 1925, the basement was dug out, and a furnace installed. In 1938, the choir loft in the sanctuary was moved to the front of the church, and an electric organ installed in time for the sesqui-centennial celebration. The same year, the downstairs, which is presently the kitchen and Sunday School room, was repaired. In 1948, the furnace was repaired and running water and electric stoves were installed. The Ladies Aid carpeted the main auditorium of the church. In 1954, the fourth roof was put on, and rest rooms built in the basement. In 1930, 1940 and 1952, the exterior of the building was painted by church members. In 1966, the James Oliver, Sr., family gave a pipe organ in memory of Mrs. James Oliver, Sr. (Ella Nearhoof).

Across the road from the church is a plaque, placed in 1948 by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Committee. It reads: "Spruce Creek Church: Present church built in 1958 by a Presbyterian congregation organized in 1798. Their first house of worship, a log church built in 1805, was within old Graysville Cemetery, on the hilltop opposite."

The congregation has had two parsonages, both near each other, about a mile from the church, near Pennsylvania Furnace. The first was built in 1850, and is the home of Frederick B. Marbut and his wife Ann Dodd Marbut. He is Professor Emeritus in Journalism at Penn State. The present parsonage stands east of the first parsonage.

Edmund Woomer recalls a pump organ in the stone church being played by Nan Ingram, Mary Gardner, Stella Geist, Helen Peterson, and Ella N. Oliver. In more recent years the musicians have been: Mary Catherine Harpster Carper, Marsha Hilliard Fye, Louise Lake Ferner, Miss Kathy Gunsallus, Lindsey Lake Henry, Edna McMahon Lake, Elizabeth Oliver Lake, Carol Gunsallus Oliver, Ella Nearhoof Oliver, Evelyn Fry Oliver, Selma Perrine, Betty Goheen Wyse, and Marjorie Barkman Woomer and Enid Woomer (Peiffer).

In 1958, Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church observed its 100th Anniversary on Saturday and Sunday, January 14th and 15th.

*(A list of ministers included at this point can be found elsewhere in this booklet.)*

Family names who have attended this church: Archey, Artman, Bailey, Baney, Barto, Beck, Beebe, Behrer, Best, Bickle, Billetts, Bishop, Brennen, Bresler, Brown, Buck, Campbell, Carnes, Carper, Confer, Copley, Davis, Dean, Decker, Deeter, Ellenberger, Everhart, Eyer, Fishal, Fleck, Fleming, Foster, Frank, Frankenberger, Fry, Fultz, Fye, Gates, Gardner, Gilliland, Goheen, Gorman, Graffius, Griffin, Groendyk, Gross, Gunsallus, Harmon, Haines, Harper, Harpster, Harris, Heickel, Heidecker, Henry, Hess, Hicks, Hillard, Hockenberry, Hoffman, Homan, Horner, Houck, Houser, Hunter, Ingle, Ingram, Irvin, Isenberg, Johnston, Judy, Kepler, Kocher, Koontz, Lake, Leidy, Logan, Lytle, Markle, Martin, Mattern, McAllister, McCracken, McElroy, McFarland, McGlunsey, McWilliams, Miller, Minick, Morrison, Moser, Musser, Newlin, O'Keefe, Oliver, Perrine, Peterson, Pifer, Poust, Powley, Quinn, Rearick, Reed, Ritchie, Rossman, Rudy, Rupp, Saucerman, Schell, Scott, Shilling, Shuey, Stonebraker, Strayer, Suetterlein, Sunday, Taylor, Thorner, Tompkins, Tressler, Trostle, Tyler, Umbower, Vicars, Ward, Watt, Weaver, Wert, Weyer, Wheland, White, Wigton, Wilson, Woomer, Wright, Wyse, Zeigler, Zimmers.

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Woomer Saw Mill, Graysville. Isaac Woomer took over this mill also in 1880. *(An earlier section describes a water-powered grist mill in Graysville owned by Mr. Woomer.)* This was an up-and down saw mill driven by water power which stood between the grist mill and the Woomer home, the present home of Edmund Woomer. The present occupants are the Roy Bresler family, Mrs. Bresler being the former Ida Woomer, daughter of Edmund . . . The saw was about 5-1/2 feet in length and was run by two water wheels. One wheel pulled the saw and the other pulled the carriage to return the saw, which cut only when it went down. The saw had to be filed every day it was used. Business was uncertain, and Mr. Woomer waited until there was a large enough supply of logs before sawing. . . The dam of water which operated both mills was back of the mill. The grist mill ran every weekday so the water which came through the mill race was channeled to the grist mill by closing the gates at the saw mill. Most of the wood sawing was done in the spring, when water was plentiful, and both mills could be operated at the same time. The wood in the Graysville Presbyterian Church (Upper Spruce Creek) was sawed at this mill, and the logs were given by local farmers who were

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members. In the flood of 1936, the mill dam broke and the mill race (the five-foot deep channel which carried water from the mill dam) was washed away and Edmund did not repair the damage.

Carpenters. Washington Reynolds, Daniel Frank, and Squire Leech together built the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church at Graysville, in 1858.

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### The following is a reprint from the *1982 Pennsylvania Furnace Homecoming 10th Anniversary booklet*

#### Graysville Church

Between 1766 and 1786 a number of families including Fowlers, Travises, Crains, Deans, Ewing, Clarks, Nicholsons (Nickles), Weakland, and Gray settled in the area now known as Graysville. These staunch Presbyterians began meeting in homes or in the woods, served by a series of supply ministers. As soon as their own homes were established, the settlers erected a thirty foot square log church on the hill top adjacent to the old part of the cemetery and began meeting there in 1805, even before proper benches were completed.

The log church was replaced in 1830 by a frame church built on the same site. In October 1847, the congregation split in a dispute: The First Church, preferring the General Assembly's collection of Psalms and Hymns; and the Second Church, remaining with David's Psalms. The two continued to use the same building. In the fall of 1856, the First Church began excavation and had masons prepare mortar which was buried deep to "ripen" until spring when the foundation for the new church was laid. The carpenters were Washington Reynolds, William Riley, Dan Frank, and Squire Leech. Lumber was donated by Squire Leech, who operated an up and down water-powered saw mill adjacent to the grist mill at Graysville; by W. B. Johnston, who also operated a saw mill; by Jonathon McWilliams; and Christopher Wigton, James Oliver, who had experience with stone work as a contractor on the canals, used stone quarried from the farm which later belonged to Elrea Ellenberger.

In 1857 a large parsonage was given to the church as a gift from ironmaster John Lyon and others near Pennsylvania Furnace. In 1948, Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Marbut purchased the house and the house next door became the parsonage. On July 7, 1972, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Behrer purchased the residence. They have since done extensive renovation to the house and grounds. The house is believed to have been built in either 1840, 1850, or 1857. Though no actual proof has ever been found, the first two dates seem to be more accurate due to stories by older church members. It is said that the house was

originally built and lived in by members of the Lyons family or high officials at the furnace.

The two congregations reunited in May 1859 and the old frame church was moved to Rock Spring where it served as a Sunday School until 1873. The Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church became a center of the life of surrounding communities. In the iron furnace days, people from Pennsylvania Furnace came to church in a tallyho. The story is told of an occasion when the Lyon girls walked into church with their parasols raised, no doubt creating quite a stir.

Young men rode horses to church while older folks came in buggies. Etiquette forbid the young men's passing the buggies, but it is said that Mr. Davey Stewart was known to wave his buggy whip laughingly and take after young men bold enough to challenge him to a race. At one time, two choirs graced the church: one in front accompanied by Mrs. Ayers, and another in the rear accompanied by Miss Kate Stewart. There seemed to be quite a rivalry between the choirs. Perhaps the spirit of competition was fruitful, for accounts say that the church was noted for its fine singing. Reverend Donald McIlvride is the pastor now. He was installed September 21, 1975.

On World Communion Sunday, October 5, 1980, the congregation had the honor and privilege of having the President of the United States, James "Jimmy" Carter, worship with them. At the time he was a guest of the Wayne Harpster family on whose property he did a great deal of fishing during the latter part of his presidency.

#### Baileysville Chapel

The iron officials approached the Graysville Presbyterian church and asked them to sponsor a Presbyterian congregation at Baileysville. It stood in the same location as a church until March 31, 1964, when it was purchased by the late Mr. L. K. Metzger, who renovated it and it is now lived in by his son Frederick Metzger.

Preaching was held in the church in the evenings and most people attended morning

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worship services at Graysville. Some of the leaders of the congregation were: Warren S. Ward, Superintendent of the Sunday School for 38 years; William E. McWilliams, George Irvin, Edward Isenberg, and Max Ward, all as superintendents



**Baileyville Chapel**  
(Now a private residence)



**Colerain Forge Chapel**

Largely supported by the Stewart family this church was built in 1850 and in use at least as late as 1876. This building has been renovated and is now a private residence.

### Are You The One For Whom The Bell Tolls?

We have just newly listed this quaint, white church building in the country. with all the amenities of the olde Pennsylvania countryside.

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Newspaper clipping dated November 16, 1963.  
Sold February, 1964 to Fred Metzger.

### Rock Spring's Sunday School

After the two churches reunited in the present stone church in 1859, the old frame church was moved to Rock Spring where it was used for a Sunday School until 1873 when it was sold to private parties.

Even after this date there was still a Sabbath School at Rock Spring for some time and evidence even suggest that there was one there before the old frame church was moved to this location.



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The Upper Spruce Creek  
Presbyterian Church  
celebrates its  
Bicentennial Year—1998



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The following article is was printed in *The Daily News*, Huntingdon, PA. in 1949.  
**Marker at Graysville to be Dedicated on May 27**

State and county historians, Boy Scouts and school children of Warriors Mark will participate in ceremonies dedicated a state historical marker at he Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church at Graysville at 2 p.m., Friday, May 27. The public and friends are invited.

The church, the marker points out, was built in 1858, and is the present house of worship of a congregation organized in 1798. A cemetery on a nearby hillside marks the site of the original log church, and is the resting place of several Revolutionary War veterans.

The ceremony will open at 2 p.m. when children of the community form a procession to the cemetery to mark the graves of the Revolutionary War veterans. This part of the program will be under the direction of the Standing Stone Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution of Huntingdon.

At the dedicatory services which will follow at the marker, speakers will include: Charles L. Reed

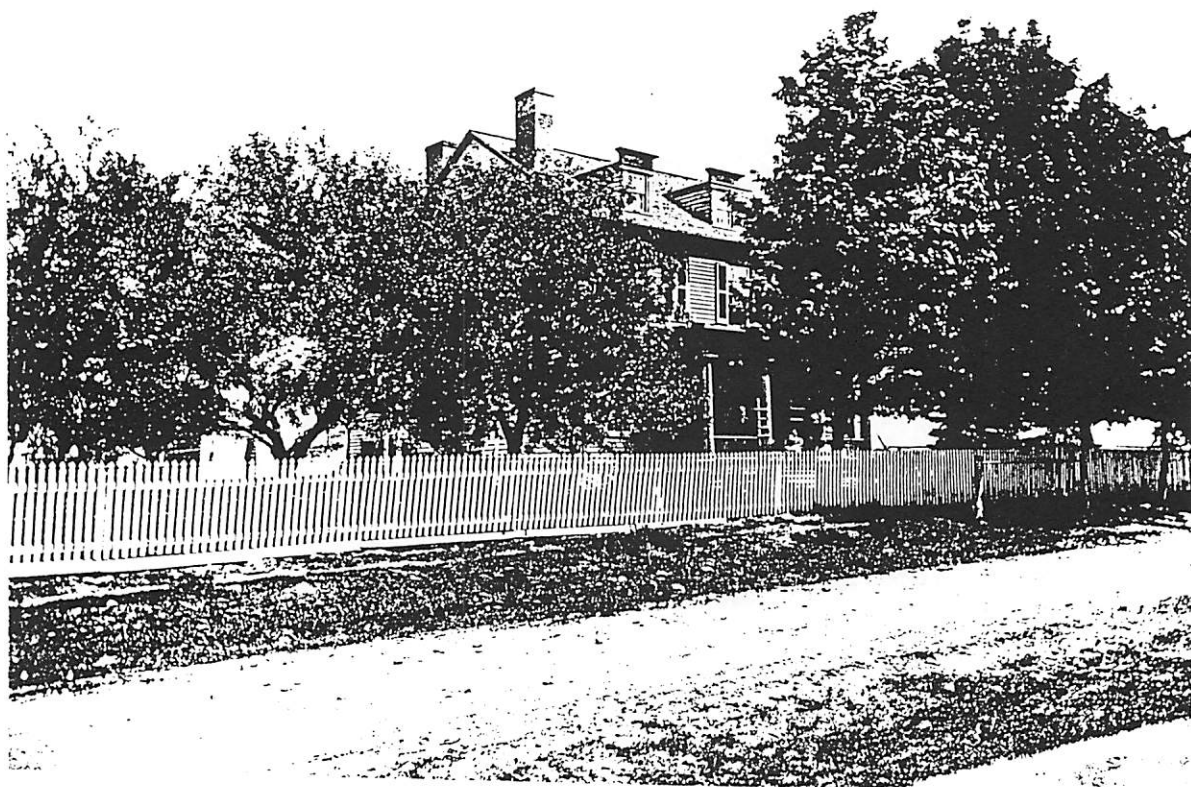
of Huntingdon, president of the Huntingdon County Historical Society; Dr. Philip S. Klein, associate professor of American History at the Pennsylvania State College; the Hon. Chester D. Fetterhoof, judge of Huntingdon County and Ralph M. Volpe, superintendent of the Huntingdon County highways.

Mrs. John M. Keichline, regent, and members of the Standing Stone Chapter of the DAR will participate in placing markers at the graves of Abraham Elder and Robert Gardner, veterans of the American Revolution. Mrs. Hugh Tobin, Tyrone, and Mrs. John Grazier, Tyrone, descendants of these veterans, will be present to accept these tributes of honor.

The committee in charge of arrangements for the program consists of Benjamin Everhart of Warriors Mark, chairman, Mrs. H. C. Wilson of Warriors Mark and John Johnson of Graysville.

After the ceremony the Daughters of Spruce Creek Missionary Society will serve a luncheon.





Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Manse - August 1890



Manse during Rev. Campbell's Ministry (1902-1921)





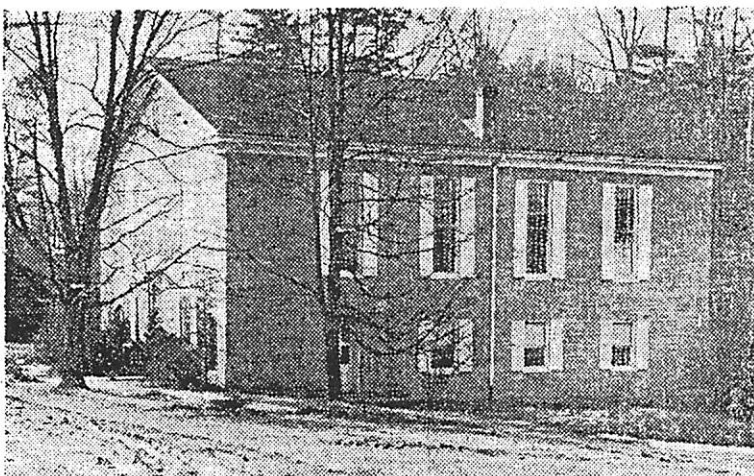
Church with wrought iron fence.



View along Route 45 before improvement in the early fifties.

Copied from clipping from unknown newspaper.

### 95-Year-Old Presbyterian Church.



Before a highway relocation several years ago, the road ran past this Spruce Creek church at the level of the main doorway; afterward, the new highway carried several feet higher than the church. In recognition of the work of the state highway department and contractor in restoring the natural contours of the area after road relocation, the congregation issued a formal commendation."

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### Spruce Creek Church Thanks Road Builders

The congregation of the Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church at Graysville has expressed its appreciation to officials of the Pennsylvania state highway department and the contractor for their interest in restoring the beauty of the church setting after a highway relocation.

The action honoring C.R. Forbes, district highway engineer, and R.C. Burkett of Newry, general contractor, was taken at the annual corporation meeting on Friday evening, Jan. 9, at the conclusion of a week of prayer services conducted by Rev. William McElwaine, guest pastor.

Rev. Charles Best, pastor of the 95-year-old church building, reported today that Mr. Forbes made a personal inspection of the relocation and recognized the damage to the church property was greater than could be noted on a blueprint. In recognition of such damage, he recommended funds sufficient to cover the major part of the damage.

In commending Mr. Burkett, the contractor who had charge of the work, the congregation noted that "after viewing the situation he became deeply interested in the needs of the church. His first concern was in maintaining proper contours that the natural beauty of this historic church might be maintained and that adequate parking space might be available.

"Mr. Burkett's keen interest and generosity also was visible as he showed little concern over the time consumed on the job," the church action read, "but gave the needs of the project first consideration.

Although the Spruce Creek parish is 165 years old, the present graystone church building was not erected until 1858. The first formal meeting place was a log church erected in 1805 and from 1830 until 1858 the congregation worshipped in a frame building, both of which stood on the site of the present church.

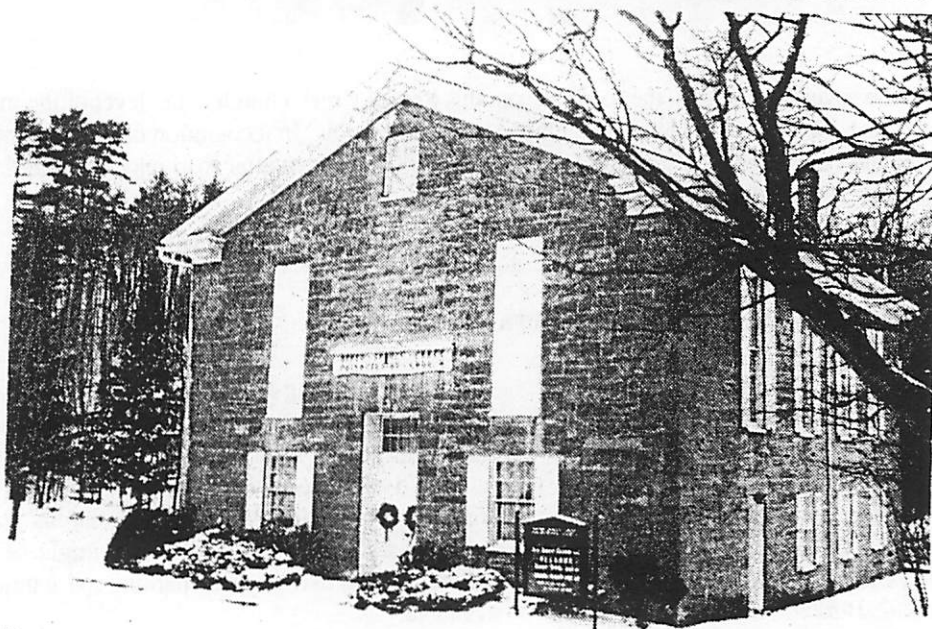
Reprint of a photograph from the *Daily News*, December 20, 1979

A Special Christmas Card

# HISTORIC SITES SURVEY



A PROJECT OF THE HUNTINGDON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



## A Special Christmas Card

A picture of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church made by Debra Shafer in the early days of the sites survey seems an appropriate way of celebrating the successful conclusion of more than two years of work by many individuals. The congregation of John Elliott constructed the blue limestone structure in 1858 and after 121 Christmases it stands serene and beautiful near Route 45 in the village of Graysville in Franklin Township.

## Pastors of Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Installed Date</b>	<b>Dates of Service</b>
<i>Matthew Stephens</i>		<i>4th Sabbath of June 1786</i>
<i>Samuel Wilson</i>		<i>3rd Sabbath of August 1786</i>
<i>Caldwell</i>		<i>3rd Sabbath of May 1788</i>
<i>James Martin</i>		<i>1789-1794</i>
<i>Wiley</i>		<i>2nd Sabbath of July 1795</i>
<i>John Johnston</i>		<i>3rd Sabbath of November 1795</i>
<i>Baird</i>		<i>3rd Sabbath of September 1796</i>
<i>Matthew Stephens</i>		<i>3rd Sabbath of September 1797</i>
<i>Wiley</i>		<i>1st Sabbath of May 1797</i>
<i>Bryson</i>		<i>2nd Sabbath of June</i>
Samuel Bryson	November 20, 1798	November 20, 1798 to 1803
<i>James Linn (SS)</i>		
<i>William Stuart (SS)</i>		
<i>John Hutchison (SS)</i>		
William A. Boyd	April 2, 1817	1817 to 1823
<i>John M'Ilhenny (SS)</i>		1822
<i>Samuel Swan (SS)</i>		
<i>Gray (SS)</i>		
<i>Laughlin (SS)</i>		
Samuel Hill	November 25, 1825	November 25, 1825 to October 3, 1843
<i>William Hunter (SS)</i>		
John White	November 1845	November 1845 to April 1847
Daniel L. Hughes (1st Church)	June 13, 1848	June 13, 1848 to October 1857
John Elliott (1st Church)	1857	1857 to April 1861
<i>Israel W. Ward (2nd Church)</i>		<i>1849-June, 1853</i>
<i>Thomas Stevenson (2nd Church)</i>		<i>1854-April 1854</i>
<i>William Alexander (SS)</i>		<i>1861</i>
Oscar. A. Hills	November 25, 1862	November 25, 1862 to November 25, 1865
S. S. Orris	February 12, 1866	February 12, 1866 to June 1869
J. C. Kelly	June 15, 1870	June 15, 1870 to December 1, 1890
T. S. Armentrout	January 1, 1892	January 1, 1892 to December 1, 1898
C. H. Love	September 1, 1899	September 1, 1899 to December 1, 1901
R. M. Campbell	September 1, 1902	September 1, 1902 to November 1, 1921
Harry D. Fleming	October 17, 1922	October 17, 1922 to April 25, 1926
Albert D. Minick	November 1, 1926	November 1, 1926 to October 1, 1928
Samuel R. Brown	June 26, 1929	June 26, 1929 to April 10, 1937
Albertus Groendyk	October 21, 1937	October 21, 1937 to June 20, 1942
Lyle J. Beebe (SS)	August 23, 1942	August 23, 1942 to November 13, 1946
Charles W. Best	May 12, 1948	May 12, 1948 to January 31, 1955
R. S. Caldwell (SS)	July 1955	July 1955 to July 29, 1956
David F. Suetterlein	September 5, 1956	October 5, 1956 to October 15, 1958
Donald R. Davis	July 1, 1959	July 1, 1959 to November 7, 1963
A. Claude Clever	June 5, 1964	June 6, 1964 to September 6, 1968
Theodore Thompson Moore	June 20, 1969	June 30, 1969 to July 3, 1974
Donald McIlvride	September 28, 1975	September 21, 1975 to June 30, 1986
John W. Davis (SS)	June 1959	July 1, 1986 to August 31, 1987
David Crow	January 10, 1988	January 10, 1988 to May 1, 1994
Ted J. Plott	November 19, 1995	November 19, 1995 to —

*Names in italics contributed by Kirk Behrer*



## Pastors of Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church

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The following profiles of early pastors are selections from the *History of the Presbytery of Huntingdon* by William J. Gibson, D.D., Pastor of Duncansville and Martinsburg Churches, 1874. Selections relating to pastors of this century are from collected local newspaper clippings.

### MR. SAMUEL BRYSON

MR. SAMUEL BRYSON . . . was taken under the care of the Presbytery on the 13th of April, 1796, and was licensed to preach the gospel on the 12th day of April 1797. Whether he pursued his literary studies privately, or at some public institution is not known, but the Presbytery certify(ed) at his licensure, that he had gone through a regular course of literature; and he probably studied Theology with his brother, the Rev. JOHN BRYSON, of Warrior Run. At this time there were no Theological Seminaries connected with the Presbyterian Church. All theological students studied privately; generally with the pastor of the congregation with which they were connected; or with some neighboring minister.

At the meeting of the Presbytery in October of the same year, a call was handed into Presbytery from Upper Tuscarora and Little Aughwick congregations for Mr. SAMUEL BRYSON; which he requested the leave of Presbytery to retain in his hands for consideration till the next stated meeting. The call was accompanied with a subscription paper, amounting to upwards of 150 pounds. After consideration, at the next meeting of Presbytery Mr. B. declined this call. At the same meeting of Presbytery, a call from the united congregations of Spruce Creek and Sinking Valley was presented for Mr. BRYSON; accompanied with subscription papers amounting to upwards of 144 pounds, which call he accepted. At an adjourned meeting of the Presbytery held at the house of Mr. Robert McCartney on Spruce Creek, November 20, 1798, he was ordained and installed pastor of said congregations; in which service Rev. JOHN BRYSON preached the ordination sermon, and Mr. MORRISON presided and gave "*the charge*" agreeably to appointment of a former meeting. The record of this installation service, in connection with the ordination, would seem to indicate that there was but one charge given, that to the minister.

In both of the calls to which reference has been made, that from Upper Tuscarora and Little Aughwick, and that from Spruce Creek and Sinking Valley, the salary promised seems to have been exceedingly liberal for those time, and for country congregations. The former congregations offered upwards of 150 pounds, and the latter 144 pounds, and upwards. But when we know more about this matter, and how the amount was to be paid, it does

not seem so large, but, on the contrary, is greatly diminished in value. When the clerk of Presbytery records the calls he adds—"and subscription papers to the amount of 150 pounds and 144 pounds." The idea conveyed by this record is, that the accepting minister took the subscription paper or papers as security for his salary, each one to pay the amount of his personal subscription as he could, or was willing, in grain, potatoes, or cabbage, more frequently than in money--the minister to collect his own salary as he could--and in case any one who chose to take offense at the minister, refused to pay, there was nothing left for the minister to do but to forgive him, or have a fight with his congregation. In which case an appeal was made to the Presbytery, and the congregation compelled to make good the deficiencies, in most cases the pastor might as well resign the charge, for such would be the issue sooner or later. In this state of things the usual course of the pastor was to tender to Presbytery his resignation, on the ground of insufficient salary, or defective payment, and then if he were a pastor specially acceptable to the people generally, and his salary had fallen behind more through in consideration than intention; or if there were a good deal of the grace of honesty among the people, deficiencies would be made up, and the removal of the pastor successfully resisted. We record these things because they are true, and we intend to keep to the truth of history, neither flattering people or ministers beyond their due. Congregations, and ministers too, ought to be aware that they are making the materials for future history.

At the Fall meeting of the Presbytery in 1803, Mr. BRYSON requested to be released from his pastoral charge of Spruce Creek and Sinking Valley; and the congregations having appeared by their commissioners, and expressed their concurrence, it was resolved that Mr. BRYSON'S request be granted, and he was accordingly relieved from the charge of said congregations. At the same meeting he requested leave to travel out of the bounds of Presbytery, and preach at discretion. The Stated Clerk was ordered to furnish him with proper testimonials of his good standing. Up to this time the Rev. S. BRYSON appears to have been in good standing in the Presbytery. But at the Spring meeting of 1806, the following minute is recorded: "Presbytery agreed that the Stated Clerk be ordered to cite the Rev. Messrs. DAVID BARD and SAMUEL BRYSON to appear at

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their next meeting, and (agreeably to a resolution of the General Assembly, A.D. 1802) give an account how they have discharged their ministerial duties." (Minutes of Presb'y, Vol. I, 201.) At the next meeting of the Presbytery Mr. BARD appeared and fully satisfied Presbytery in the matter inquired into; but Mr. BRYSON did not appear, and the clerk was ordered to cite him to appear at the next Spring meeting. At this meeting he was again absent, but sent a letter to the Presbytery, stating some reasons for his not attending Presbytery, and requesting the Presbytery to write to the elders of Spruce Creek and Sinking Valley congregations, urging them to fulfill their contract with him while he was their pastor. His request was granted and the clerk directed to write to those congregations on the subject; but at the same time it was ordered, that Mr. B. be cited a third time to attend Presbytery at their Fall meeting. Mr. BRYSON still not appearing, the following minute was made by Presbytery--"The Rev. SAMUEL BRYSON not obeying the citation of Presbytery, their decision in his case was, on account of some peculiar circumstances attending it, deferred until their next meeting."

At the meeting of Presbytery, April, 1808, Mr. S. BRYSON attended, and assigned reasons why he had for time past neglected to attend to the duties of his office as a gospel minister, as follows: 1. That he was threatened with an incipient pulmonary complaint, which is increased by study. 2. The necessity of providing, by manual labor, for a numerous and increasing family. His reasons were deemed at the time satisfactory, and so recorded. But at the same meeting of the Presbytery a committee of some of the oldest and most judicious ministers and elders of the Presbytery was appointed to investigate reports injurious to Mr. BRYSON's character, then in circulation, but which were in substance denied by him. The Committee, according to appointment, met at Spruce Creek church, on the first Monday of May following (1808), and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. JOHN JOHNSTON, one of the committee.

The committee took testimony and reported to the Presbytery at its next meeting, October 5, 1808. After hearing the report of the committee, and the testimony taken by them, the following minutes were passed: "The Presbytery having considered the testimony taken by the committee of investigation, appointed in the case of the Rev. SAMUEL BRYSON, was unanimously of opinion that he ought to be suspended from the exercise of the gospel ministry, and he is hereby suspended."

At the meeting of Presbytery, April 17, 1810, Mr. BRYSON made application to have his

suspension removed; but Presbytery refused to accede to his request. The next year, at a meeting of the Presbytery, a paper was received, signed by a number of the members of Spruce Creek congregation, in which they state, "that having been witnesses of Mr. BRYSON's conduct since he was suspended from the gospel ministry, they see nothing in his behavior that should cause a continuation of his suspension."

Upon which the following minutes were adopted: "Reports unfavorable to the character of Mr. B. being still in circulation, Presbytery is of the opinion that no decision can be made at present upon said paper." But Mr. BRYSON, having professed his willingness to make those acknowledgments which the Book of Discipline requires, in the presence of the congregation where he resides, Presbytery agreed to receive (restore) him at the next meeting, if their way be clear. Min. Vol. I, p. 253.

According to the above minutes, at the October meeting following, the case of Mr. BRYSON was taken up. A free conversation was entered into with a number of the persons who had signed Mr. BRYSON's certificate, and also with Mr. B. on the same subject, and the following action was had, and record made: "The Presbytery found upon conversing with some of the principal persons who had signed the certificate, that their object in signing was only to have Mr. BRYSON restored to the privilege of a private church member. It appeared to Presbytery that no evidence had been given of any real change in the conduct of Mr. B., but on the contrary, that his walk and conversation since his suspension, have been wholly inconsistent with the character of a minister of the gospel, or even a private Christian. It was therefore, unanimously determined, upon the most mature deliberation, that the Rev. Samuel Bryson ought to be deposed from the office of the gospel ministry; and he is hereby deposed."

The history of Mr. SAMUEL BRYSON's entire connection with the Presbytery, and the various steps taken in his case, till it issued in his deposition from the ministry are here given, so as to present the case in one view; as his name does not afterwards appear on the minutes

In closing the statement of it two or three obvious reflections will occur to the intelligent reader. In the management of the case by the Presbytery there is not record of the charge, or charges, brought against him by Common Fame. Nor is there any record of a copy of the charges being given to Mr. B., with the names of the witnesses. This may have been deemed unnecessary, as he was present at the time when the case was initiated, and it is recorded that he substantially denied the charges;

though the charges are not named, and took no exception on account of informality. The minutes were afterwards reviewed by the Synod, and no exception taken to the record. Yet it is evident that the Presbytery acted with much caution and deliberation, and with a desire to spare as much as possible the feelings of the accused and his friends. But there is one thing in which we think they erred on the score of kindness, namely: in not spreading on the records the offence or offences with which he was charged. They have left the readers of the records in the future to infer that the charges might have been more aggravated than they were. They were bad enough, it is true, but not so bad as could be imagined. Justice to the Presbytery itself in regard to the main charge preferred against him by common fame, as it has come down to us by tradition, would seem to have required its being spread upon the minutes, as a vindication against a slander perpetuated against the ministers of that generation. The main charge as it has come down to us by tradition, was intemperance, or drunkenness. Of course a drunken man will be a fool, both in actions and in words. If there were vulgar, or even profane words charged, they are to be laid at the door of the original offense; not to excuse the one, or the other, but to aggravate both. The man that will take that into his mouth, which he knows: will steal away his senses," is responsible for all the consequences. But it has been charged that the ministers and elders of those times looked with an indulgent eye upon the drinking habits of that day, even when they themselves were strictly temperate, but not *abstinent*. The truth is, that with all our supposed advance in temperance principles, we do not, as ministers, deserve half the credit for our abstinence that ought to be accorded to the fathers of that day; or rather, to the grace of God in the Fathers. When it is remembered that the bottle was among the family goods of every house; was set out on every occasion, and it was considered an act of discourtesy to decline it; and that the minister might enter a half dozen different families on the same day; it is something of a miracle of divine grace that they were not drunkards; or, at least deceived into a degree of fondness for strong drink, leading to the shipwreck of the ministerial character? We may pass a very harsh judgment upon the men who fell before the Destroyer in that day, and see no grounds for the exercise of the charity that thinketh no evil;" but it might be more becoming to thank God that we are not tried with their temptations. It is only necessary to add, that an entire reformation took place in regard to the habits of Mr. BRYSON. He lived to a good old age, was

restored to the communion of the church of Spruce Creek, in the bounds of which he continued to live; though properly never restored to the ministry. (pp. 19-24)

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Though the aged ministers were dropping out of active service one after another, in the good providence of God others were coming to fill the vacant places, and to carry on the work; yet not so fast as the necessities of the numerous vacancies seemed to require. But the Lord of the harvest knew best the appropriate times in which, and the places to which to appoint his ministers. Though some from among the churches of the Presbytery were looking towards and preparing for service in the ministry, the larger portion of accessions to the ranks of the ministry in the early years of the Church were foreigners, who came to this country either as licentiates or ordained ministers. Indeed, of those who constituted the Presbytery of Huntingdon at its organization, they were almost all of Scotland or Ireland by birth, or of the Scotch-Irish by descent. And this was mainly true of the private members of the congregations. There were some in every congregation, doubtless, of other origin and descent, but they were comparatively few. If it were not for the descendants of Scotch-Irish, our church would even yet make a sorry appearance as to members, after the lapse of one hundred and sixty-seven years since the constitution of the first Presbytery in this country. For many years there was a constant emigration from Scotland and Ireland, but especially from Ireland to this country; and the assertion may be ventured, that nineteen-twentieth's of the members of the Presbyterian churches in the bounds of this Presbytery are the immediate descendants of Scotch-Irish parents, or of foreign birth themselves. (pp. 33-34)

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### REV. WILLIAM A BOYD

The Pastoral relation of Rev. WILLIAM A. BOYD to the congregations of Spruce Creek and Sinking Valley, was at the same time (3rd of October, 1821) dissolved on account of his continued ill health, rendering him unable to discharge pastoral duties. It was with much regret the congregations consented to the dissolution, but the state of his health demanded his release. Mr. BOYD died of pulmonary complaint a little more than a year after he resigned his charge. (p. 79)

The Rev. WILLIAM A. BOYD was a native of Lancaster county, Pa. He graduated at Dickinson

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College in the year 1809. Was licensed to preach the Gospel by the Presbytery of New Castle. He received calls from the united congregations of Spruce Creek and Sinking Valley, in the latter part of the year 1816, which he accepted, and was ordained and installed pastor of said congregations April 2, 1817. In the Fall of 1821, he resigned his charge on account of ill health. He died of consumption on the 11th of May, 1823.

The late venerable Dr. Linn of Bellefonte, who was contemporary with him, but lived long afterwards, thus speaks of him in an obituary notice: "He was a young man of good mind, and fine taste. His sermons were prepared with much care, and combined in a short compass a great deal of good matter. He was highly esteemed in his congregations, and was a good member of Presbytery."

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### MR. JOHN McILHENNY

At the first stated meeting of the Presbytery in the 1822, a Mr. JOHN McILHENNY presented himself before the Presbytery as a licentiate of the Presbytery of Letterkenny, Ireland, and requested to taken under the care of Presbytery. He presented a regular certificate of his licensure, and such collateral testimony as was considered sufficient. This man was afterwards a source of great trouble and annoyance to the Presbytery. After personal conversation with him, and various examinations, he was received under their care as a foreign probationer. He seems to have been a man of some popular talent, and was engaged as stated supply to two of the most respectable congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery, till the close of his year of probation, when calls from said congregations were prepared to be presented to him. But about the time these calls were to be laid before the Presbytery, unfavorable reports in regard to his character began to be circulated, and were brought to the notice of the Presbytery. A female followed him to this country from Ireland who claimed to be his wife, but whom he disowned, and he was charged with acts of grossly immoral character, since he came within the bounds of the Presbytery. After several meetings upon the subject and the examination of witnesses, and letters from Ireland in regard to Mr. McILHENNEY's character, the Presbytery revoked his license. This was the end of his connection with the Presbytery, though it is believed that Mr. McILHENNEY continued to preach in the southwestern part of the Presbytery, to those who would hear him as long as he lived, or as long as he was able to preach. The letters and other testimonials

on which he was received under the care of Presbytery, and which were at the time deemed satisfactory, were afterwards found to have been surreptitiously obtained.

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### REV. SAMUEL HILL

At a special meeting of the Presbytery, held at East Kishacoquillas, February 8, 1825, the Rev. SAMUEL HILL requested leave to resign his charge of the congregations of East Kishacoquillas and Dry Valley, and to be dismissed with a view to connect himself with the Associate Reformed Presbytery of Monongahela. Commissioners appeared on the part of the congregation of East Kishacoquillas, and a letter from persons belonging to Dry Valley congregation, by which it appeared that the congregations gave their consent, but reluctantly; and Mr. HILL's request was granted, his pastoral relation dissolved, and he dismissed with the usual testimonials to the A.R. Presbytery of Monongahela. Mr. HILL had received a call to the 1st Associate Reformed church in the city of Pittsburgh. . .

But for certain reasons, after he had removed to Pittsburgh, and been received by the A.R. Presbytery of Monongahela, he refused to be installed, and within a few months returned within the bounds of the Presbytery. His former charge of East Kishacoquillas being yet vacant, immediately moved to recall him. While the majority of the congregation was anxious to recall him, a small minority, offended because of his leaving them to accept of the call from Pittsburgh, opposed his resettlement. It seems that a call was actually prepared to be presented to Presbytery, and in view of this the minority presented a remonstrance against the call being put into his hands. There were several petitions presented to Presbytery at different times, asking for his resettlement and as many remonstrances against it, by the minority. Presbytery appointed a committee to endeavor to reconcile the parties. This committee, after having had an interview with the parties, reported that they had not succeeded in effecting a reconciliation, upon which the Presbytery

*"Resolved, That it be considered inexpedient, and not conducive to the interest of religion, that Mr. HILL be invited to be the pastor or stated supply in the congregation of East Kishacoquillas, in its present distracted condition."*

The Associated Reformed Presbytery of Monongahela refused to give Mr. HILL a certificate of dismission on account of his abrupt departure from the congregation which had called him, and



consequently the Presbytery of Huntingdon, did not see their way clear to receive him consistently with order, and for nearly two years Mr. HILL was held in suspense. After various attempts on the part of Mr. HILL to satisfy the Associate Reformed Presbytery, and procure a regular dismissal, he laid before Presbytery a letter signed by Rev. JOSEPH KERR, moderator, and Rev. JOHN RIDDLE, clerk of the Presbytery of Monongahela stating that Mr. HILL's conduct while in their bounds was exemplary and becoming a minister of the gospel, so far as known to them, and the Presbytery had nothing against him, except the manner of his return to his former charge. Upon the report of a committee appointed to consider the whole case, and prepare a minute to be adopted by the Presbytery, Mr. HILL was received to his original standing in the Presbytery, April 4, 1827. Calls were presented for him from Sinking Valley and Spruce Creek, which were accepted, and Mr. H. was installed on the 11th of October following.  
pp. 86-88.

Rev. Samuel Hill was a native of Ireland, born near the town of Newton-Limavady, County Derry in 1791. . . His parents were members of the Presbyterian church, faithful and conscientious in training their children in the Catechisms and the Westminster Confession of Faith, and more than ordinarily intelligent on religious subjects. When Samuel connected himself with the church is not now known, but it must have been at an early age, as he entered the University of Glasgow at the age of fifteen, as a student, with a view to the ministry. . . Each professor, as he passed from his class, certified to his diligence in study and eminent progress; and also to the excellence of his moral character. . . his *Diploma is signed* by not less than fifteen names of eminent professors in the various branches of a University education; men even yet renowned throughout the literary and religious world. He graduated in April, 1810. . . He studied Theology at Glasgow. . . After preaching sometime in his native country, supplying vacancies by the appointment of Presbytery, he resolved to emigrate to America. Before this, however, he had married Miss Mary A. Wilson, the daughter of a "well-to-do" farmer in the immediate vicinity of his father's residence.

He sailed from Londonderry in April, 1819, and landed at St. John's, New Brunswick. . . He preached for eight months at Sheffield, a town near to St. John's, and might have been permanently settled there, but before his arrival the congregation had sent to Ireland for a minister whose coming they were awaiting. In May, 1820, Mr. HILL arrived in Philadelphia, the General Assembly being then in

session in that city. . . the church of East Kishacoquillas having just become vacant by the death of its pastor . . . the congregations of East Kishacoquillas and Little Valley were prepared to give him a call . . . he was appointed the stated supply of those congregations till the next meeting of the Presbytery, at which time arrangements were made for his ordination and installation at the following meeting, when the term of his probation would have expired. The Presbytery made this arrangement in view of the urgency of the congregations to have Mr. HILL permanently settled amongst them, though the testimonials of Mr. HILL had not formally passed the inspection of Synod. The year of probation had expired before the Fall meeting of the Presbytery, at which time arrangements were made for the ordination and installation; but the Synod did not meet till later in the month. For this, on a review of the minutes, exception was taken by the Synod. But the Presbytery knew that the testimonials of Mr. HILL were so full and satisfactory that the Synod would and could have no objections to his reception, and, therefore, did not wait the formal approval of Synod. However Mr. HILL was not actually ordained and installed till after his papers had been approved by the Synod; they only made arrangements to this end, confident that testimonials so satisfactory could not fail to be approved by the Synod.

Mr. HILL was ordained and installed pastor of the congregations of East Kishacoquillas and Little Valley, October 3, 1821. . .

Mr. HILL continued to be the pastor of East Kishacoquillas and Little Valley congregations till February 6, 1825, when at his request and with reluctant consent of the congregations, the pastoral relation was dissolved to enable him to *accept a call* from the 1st Associate Reformed congregation of Pittsburg. His ministry in East Kishacoquillas was very successful while he continued with that charge. Large accessions were made to the church. The first years of his incumbency he received to the communion of the church upwards of one hundred persons, and this as the result of the ordinary ministry of the word, no extra services more than those usually had on communion occasions. The greatest mistake of Mr. HILL's life was made when he left this charge to accept of the call to the church in the city of Pittsburg.

Mr. HILL removed to Pittsburg, but did not remain to be installed over the congregation which had called him, but returned within the bounds of the Presbytery of Huntingdon, and we find him in the Fall of 1825, present at the meeting of the Presbytery, and invited as a member of the Associate

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Reformed Presbytery of Monongahela, to sit as a corresponding member.

We do not know that we are fully aware of the reasons inducing Mr. HILL so suddenly to leave the congregation of Pittsburg, and before his installation; but certainly it was better to leave before than soon afterwards, and the mistake may have been in not consulting the Presbytery. Mr. HILL was always a decided temperance advocate. Too many of the congregation were engaged in the liquor traffic, members of the church, and that in its most objectionable and inconsistent forms. Concerning the iniquity he could not consistently or conscientiously hold his peace, and foreseeing the uproar that would follow, thought it more prudent for him to retire. Such was the state of public sentiment at that time on the subject, that no one man could hope to stem the torrent. At this day that congregation would be fully in accordance with Mr. HILL on the subject of temperance. But it was not so then.

However, the Associate Reformed Presbytery was offended, and refused Mr. HILL a certificate of dismission to rejoin the Presbytery of Huntingdon; and thus the case remained till April 1827. In the meantime he was engaged in supplying the congregations of Spruce Creek and Sinking Valley which were very desirous to give him a call and have him for their pastor. At the time above referred to, the Presbytery believing that something ought to be done to relieve Mr. HILL from the difficulties under which he labored, passed the following minute. . .

*Resolved*, That the said SAMUEL HILL be received as a member of this Presbytery.

At the meeting of the Presbytery succeeding this calls were presented from Sinking Valley and Spruce Creek for the pastoral services of Mr. HILL; which he accepted, and he was installed over these congregations, October 11, 1827.

Mr. Hill continued in these united congregations till June 16, 1835, when at his request and with the consent of the congregation, he was released from Sinking Valley, but continued for some years afterwards to be the pastor of Spruce Creek and the stated supply of Birmingham, a congregation which a short time before had been organized by Mr. HILL by appointment of Presbytery. In October, 1843, his pastoral relation to Spruce Creek was, at his request, dissolved, and he removed to the vicinity of Pittsburg. He served the congregation of McKeesport as a stated supply for two years; and Saltsburg, Blairsville Presbytery, for a short time, when he returned within the bounds of the Presbytery of Huntingdon and became the stated supply of East

Freedom and Martinsburg, which he served in that capacity for nine or ten years; and afterwards was for four years the supply of the congregation of Shavers Creek. This closed the active labors of Mr. Hill in the ministry in connection with a congregation. He continued to live in retirement in the family of his youngest son. He died in Hollidaysburg after a short sickness, on the 14th of March, 1872, in the 81st year of his age. Three sons and one daughter survive him. Mrs. Hill died several years before him, while residing with their son, then living in East Kishacoquillas Valley. . .

Mr. HILL was a thoroughly read theologian, and zealously attached to the Calvinistic System of Theology, and never failed to preach in accordance with it on all occasions. He was at the same time a zealous practical preacher. He was by no means a neutral or negative character. He stood up for the truth in doctrine and in practice at all times and at all hazards. Had he lived in persecuting times, he would have been a martyr. Had it not been for his strictness in doctrine and discipline he would have been one of the most popular preachers of the part of country in which he served; for he was not only a learned but an eloquent preacher. He was accustomed in the land of his birth, and the country of his theological education, to hear long sermons; at least what the people would now consider unreasonably long; and this was the chief fault we have ever heard an orthodox man or a Christian find with Mr. HILL's preaching. To the inquiry--"What was the character of Mr. HILL's preaching?" in nine cases out of ten, the reply would be: "His sermons were long, but we never became wearied or flagged in our attention." He was a very instructive preacher. That Mr. HILL had enemies may be inferred from his character--his was no *negative* character; but a consequence of this also was, that he had warm friends. The private character of Mr. Hill was often very much mistaken. Persons supposed that a man so uncompromising in doctrine and discipline, must be a very sour and morose man in private life. On the contrary, he was one of the most condescending, courteous and hospitable of men. He was a most pleasant and cheerful companion with young and old, with men and women; very readily approached, and most conciliating in his manners.

With all his talents and attainments, he was a very modest man. In Presbytery or other church courts he was not forward in expressing his views. He seldom spoke, only in regard to important subjects, and then never long. He seemed to have more humble views of himself than friend or enemy



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ever entertained. Of his last sickness it is unnecessary to speak, it was short and his end was peaceful; as long as he was able to speak he expressed his confidence in the doctrines he had preached, and his unshaken trust in that Saviour he had recommended to others. His afflictions during life had been many and at times severe; in frequent personal sickness, the death of wife and children, and otherwise; but now they are all ended and he is with his Master in glory. (p. 312-18)

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### MR. SAMUEL BRYSON

... the General Assembly met in the Seventh Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, on the 17th day of May, A.D. 1838.

A petition was presented from Mr. SAMUEL BRYSON, who many years before had been deposed from the ministry, to have the censure removed, whereupon it was *Resolved*, That the censure be so far removed, that he be permitted to apply to the Session of Spruce Creek Church for private membership, and acceptance by them, if they approve of him.

As an historical fact we record it, that he was so received by the Session, and died in the communion of the church many years afterwards, giving no occasion for the renewal of the censures of the church. (pp. 123-4)

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### REV. D.L. HUGHES

An adjourned meeting of the Presbytery was held at the Spruce Creek church on the 13th of June (1848) following. At that meeting the pastoral relation of the Rev. D.L. Hughes to Little Valley congregation was dissolved, and he was permitted to accept the calls from Spruce Creek and Pine Grove congregations, over which he was installed.

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### REV. THOMAS STEVENSON

This beloved brother and faithful minister of Christ was a native of Ireland, the descendant of a Scotch family, which settled almost two hundred years ago on the same farm where THOMAS was born. ... Taught from his youth to venerate the Christian ministry and to worship God in the institutions of his grace, he became impressed with his need of a saving interest in Christ, and regarding himself as lost without a Saviour he professed his faith in Christ, and when eighteen years of age united with the church in which he lived and in which he

died. Soon after his brother Ross came to this country. ... in the Spring of 1839 (he) left his father's home for the United States of America.

A kind providence brought him safely to this country, ... He graduated at Franklin College in 1842, and was regarded by the Faculty as a young man of much promise. In the Fall of the same year he entered the Western Theological Seminary, ... after which he was licensed by the Presbytery of Ohio, June 11, 1845.

The remainder of the Summer was spent in preaching to vacant congregations, among which was Montours, to which he was called and in which he was ordained and installed June 17, 1846. There he labored with great acceptance and much success, until January, 1854, when he was dismissed to accept a call to the 2d Presbyterian church, Spruce Creek, Pa. In this and other churches of Huntingdon Presbytery, he continued to preach a pure and precious Gospel until his country's cause induced him to exchange the rural parish for the military camp. The groans of mangled heroes after the second disaster of Bull Run, led him to scenes of dreadful suffering; and after weeks spent in soothing the wounded and ministering to the souls of the dying, he was elected Chaplain to the Sixth Pennsylvania Reserves, September 1862. With this regiment he performed many wearisome marches, endured incredible hardships, and confronted the enemy on many a battle field. When their term of enlistment expired he was elected Chaplain of the 49th Volunteers. With this regiment of brave men he marched from the Peninsula to the defence of the Capital, through the Shenandoah Valley, in all the victories under the invincible Sheridan; and in December, 1864, came home to spend a little season with his family.

After enjoying for a few weeks the endearments of home, he bade farewell to his friends, and in February, 1865, returned to the seat of war. When he returned to the Potomac army he found many colored regiments without chaplains, and his long cherished sympathy for that oppressed race and an ardent desire to do good amongst them, induced him to accept a chaplaincy in the One Hundred and Fourteenth Regiment, United States Colored Infantry. This regiment he accompanied through the Wilderness to the storming of Petersburg and the taking of Richmond, and was among the first to enter the city. After peace has been restored and veterans were returning home, Mr. STEVENSON still remained in the army, and with his regiment was ordered to Texas, June 1865. After many perils by sea and much sickness, they entered the estuary of the Rio Grande, and under a sun almost tropical, and in heat altogether



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intolerable, the troops disembarked at Brownsville. There the patience and faith, the piety and patriotism of the chaplain were subjected to the severest tests. Sick and suffering his faith was still firm, and his love for his Master's work unabated.

The most of the colored troops do not know the alphabet--they are ignorant of what are the first principles of the Gospel of Christ--and so with the spelling book in one hand and the Bible in the other, the devoted brother carried on the work of preaching and teaching. In the Spring of 1866 his regiment was ordered to Ringgold Barracks, a military post on the Rio Grande. Here his quarters were more comfortable, his prospects for usefulness more promising, and here his labors were greatly blessed. The Spirit of the Lord came down upon the camps with converting power. The chapel is crowded with devout worshipers, and more than three hundred men are asking what they must do to be saved.

About this time he writes home:--"This wonderful work of God surpasses in depth, in extent, and in power all have before witnessed." But these displays of divine power and converting grace were preparing the way for the coming of the Lord in the judgments which soon followed in the fearful ravages of Asiatic cholera. In October this destroyer enters the ranks, and after slaying many, attacks the chaplain. After a few hours of terrible suffering the enemy is vanquished, but leaves his victim utterly prostrated. The constitution is broken and the physical form robbed of its strength. In hopes that a change of location might prove beneficial, he is taken to Brownsville, where he meets his Lord and Master, February 10, 1867, in a death most peaceful and triumphant. The state of his mind during these months of sickness and suffering may be learned from letters he wrote after a temporary recovery. In one to his brother, December 16, he writes:--"I may never see my beloved family and friends in Pennsylvania. If so, the will of the Lord be done. I am not afraid to die, Ross. I have had delightful times in this sick room. I have felt so happy from the presence of Jesus, the blessed Saviour, and from the comforts of the Holy Ghost, that it required an effort to restrain my excited feelings. I know whom I have believed; and should I die in this half civilized land, I shall go to the believer's home in glory."

In a letter to his wife, and the last he wrote, January 23 and 24, he says:--"As to the state of my mind, with regard to which you inquire, I can say it was calm, peaceful and happy. I found it was a solemn thing to meet God, and have every good and bad work brought into judgment; but I knew that Jesus was my friend, that my Redeemer lives in

glory, and having taken him as my Almighty Saviour, I felt that I was safe, and that death to me would be gain. There were several Sabbaths that I expected, and indeed, somewhat desired, that on the next Lord's day I might be with Jesus, associating with angels and the church of the first born, composed as it is of some whom death has ruthlessly but briefly separated."

Death had taken from him the wife of his youth, Miss S. A. Plumer, of West Newton, Westmoreland County, Pa. Also his first born son, whose life was terminated by disease contracted in the camp; and now as he views the river, he has a blessed prospect of a re-union with them, which is to last forever and ever. In domestic relations, Chaplain STEVENSON was exceedingly blessed. He has left a devoted and interesting family. In the social circle his conversational powers shone with a pleasing lustre. In the pulpit he was edifying and comforting, his sermons full of the marrow of divinity. In the camp he was fearless and brave, tender and kind, true to his adopted country and faithful to his God. He fell at his post in the prime of his manhood; he died full of faith and the Holy Ghost, and in the grave of a soldier of the cross he sleeps till the resurrection morn, when he shall hear the trumpet call of his dearest Lord."

Thus far the memorial of the Rev. Thomas Stevenson was written by his brother according to the flesh, and at the same time a brother in the ministry, the Rev. Ross Stevenson, of Corsica, Clarion County, Pa. It is only necessary to assure the reader that he need not suspect any exaggeration on the account of the relationship. Much more might have been told of his fidelity, bravery, and popularity as a Chaplain. As to his character as a preacher, the brother has been too brief and modest. He was one of the most accomplished and instructive sermonizers we have ever listened to; and had it not been for an unfortunate habit he had somehow contracting in the delivery, of pausing, or hesitating on the last syllable of every word of three or more syllables ending a sentence, he would have been as popular as he was an able preacher. It required the hearer to be a person of intelligence and a lover of the pure Gospel, fully to appreciate Mr. STEVENSON as a preacher. At the same time he was capable of making himself fully understood by the plainest hearer. No army Chaplain had a fairer record for efficiency and acceptability.

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### REV. JOHN ELLIOTT

At the adjourned meeting, held January 8, 1856, . . . the Rev. JOHN ELLIOTT was elected presbyterial missionary; and his pastoral relation to

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the congregation of Williamsburg was dissolved at the stated meeting in April following, to enable him to accept of the missionary appointment. This was much displeasing to the congregation, and in consequence they refused to contribute to the fund for the support of the missionary. It is believed that they never contributed any thing to the missionary fund, even under several changes of missionaries, so permanent was their displeasure. . .

The Presbytery met in October, 1856, at Sinking Valley . . . the report of the itinerant missionary, Rev. JOHN ELLIOTT, was made to the Presbytery at this time, in reference to which the following minute was adopted, viz:

"Presbytery having heard the report of our Itinerant Missionary, express their satisfaction with his diligence, and their gratification at the favorable indications for usefulness resulting from this agency, and they express the hope that our pastors and people will continue in increased measure to favor this work with their prayers and pecuniary aid." As a result of Mr. ELLIOTT's missionary labors a church was organized at Tyrone city, April 7, 1857, consisting of twelve members, and two elders. . . It has since become a strong and flourishing church. . .

At this time (April, 1857) the Itinerant Missionary made a report of his labors for the last six months, and intimated his desire to retire from the field, whereupon the following resolution was unanimously passed:

"Resolved, That the manner in which our missionary has performed his arduous duties meets with the hearty approbation of Presbytery; that we rejoice in the results of his labors, and that if compatible with his sense of duty, he be requested to continue in our service another years." . .

A letter was received from Tyrone city in connection with Warrior's Mark, asking for the one-half of Mr. JOHN ELLIOTT's time; whereupon Presbytery requested him to continue his labors as heretofore, accepting the invitation of Tyrone city and Warrior's Mark, until the next meeting of the Presbytery. . .

At this time the pastoral relation of Rev. D.L. Hughes to the congregations of Spruce Creek 1st. and Sinking Valley was dissolved, according to his request made at the previous meeting; and he was dismissed from this Presbytery to join the Presbytery of Council Bluffs, Iowa. The following resolution was passed in reference to this event:

"Resolved, That in sundering the ties that bind this brother to us presbyterially, and us to him, this Presbytery entertain a sentiment of sincere regret.

His gentle, lovely and laborious life amongst us, and his uniform kindness and dignity as a pastor and a presbyter, have endeared him to us; and whilst we assure him of our best wishes and our prayers, we commend him to the confidence and affection of all christian people in the distant field in which he expects to bestow his future labors". . .

The Rev. JOHN ELLIOTT received two calls, one to Sinking Valley and Spruce Creek 1st, and the other to Tyrone city and Birmingham. He asked time to consider; but ultimately accepted the calls to the former churches, and was installed their pastor, December 1, 1857. (pp. 168-72)

At the stated meeting in April (1861), the pastoral relation of REV. JOHN ELLIOTT to the congregations of Spruce Creek and Sinking Valley, was, at his request dissolved, and he dismissed to the Presbytery of Donegal, within the bounds of which he had received a call. With considerable reluctance the Presbytery granted his request, owing to the reluctance of the congregations to consent to his removal. (p. 181)

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### MR. OSCAR A. HILLS

At the opening of the stated meeting in October, . . . MR. OSCAR A. HILLS, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Crawfordsville, Indiana, was received under the care of Presbytery called to the congregation of Spruce Creek, and was ordained and installed pastor of said Church at an adjourned meeting held in Spruce Creek, November 25, 1862. p. 185 (NOTE: The Roll of the Presbytery of Huntingdon from April, 1862, till the present time shows Rev. HILLS Dismissed to Presbytery of Cincinnati, 1865. p. 202)

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### MR. JOSEPH KELLY

At the adjourned meeting, held June 16, 1863. . . Mr. JOSEPH KELLY, a candidate under the care of Presbytery, was licensed to preach the Gospel. (p. 188.)

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(1981) (Newspaper Clipping - "Way Back When: 60 years ago) A farewell party was held at the Graysville Church in honor of the retirement of the **REV. R.M. CAMPBELL**. He was minister at the Huntingdon Presbyterian Church for 18 years.

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(1937) Funeral services for the **REV. SAMUEL R. BROWN**, pastor of the Graysville Presbyterian Church for the past eight years, who died in the University Hospital, Philadelphia, on Saturday, April 10, 1937, were held this Tuesday morning at the Graysville Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Ralph Illingworth was in charge of the services and interment was made at Waltersburg, Pa. Mr. Brown had been very ill several weeks at the institution, his death being caused by a complication of diseases.

Born on December 6, 1876, at Waltersburg, Fayette County, Reverend Brown was 60 years, four months and four days old at the time of his death. He was the son of Richard H. and Louisiana (Haggerty) Brown, both of whom are deceased. On May 12, 1903 he married May Mather Bonker who survives with two children: E. Robert, of Irwin, and Ethel Alene, at home.

The late minister was graduated from Wooster College, Ohio, in 1899 with a Bachelor of Arts degree and entered Princeton University with the senior class graduating in 1900 with the Bachelor of Arts degree. He attended Auburn Seminary, Union Seminary, and Princeton Theological Seminary.

Among the pastorates which he served were: Sparta, N.Y., Orwell, Ohio, Ellsworth, Berwindale, Warrensburg, N.Y., Milesburg and Graysville. From 1924 until 1929, he served at the Laboratory Presbyterian Church of Washington, Penna. In 1932 he was commissioned to the general assembly of the Presbyterian Churches of the United States.

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(1937) Genuine sincerity and gladness marked the reception tendered to **REV. AND MRS. ALBERTUS GROENDYK** at the Graysville Presbyterian Church in Spruce Creek Valley Tuesday night, when a large congregation gathered at the church to pay tribute to their new pastor and his wife and to greet them in a memorable manner in honor of their marriage which was solemnized last Friday in Lansing, Michigan.

The first part of the program took place in the sanctuary of the church and was in charge of Denton Peterson, one of the ruling elders of the congregation.

The program was opened by a piano solo, "To the Knights" by Miss Betty Goheen, she also being accompanist for the numbers that followed. A quartet from the church choir rendered several numbers and several hymns were sung by the congregation. The scripture readings were given by Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson, in making the address of welcome to Rev. and Mrs. Groendyk, was very sincere. Mr. Peterson stated that he felt the coming of Rev.

Groendyk and his wife to serve them had been an answer to their prayers after the sad death of the former pastor, Rev. Brown.

He then bid the pastor and his wife a warm welcome on behalf of the congregation and the several agencies of the church and said that all stood ready and willing to help them in the work of the church and that it was their hope they would remain long in the Graysville Church.

Replying to these sincere remarks, Rev. Groendyk said that both he and Mrs. Groendyk had just left their homes and that it certainly seemed like coming home to them to be back at the Graysville church. He said, "it does our hearts good to be back with you kind folks, and we will ever have your interest at heart in the work of the ministry." He then turned and thanked Mr. Peterson for the welcome he had extended on behalf of the congregation.

Mrs. Groendyk, a charming young lady, and one unmistakably fitted for the office of the wife of a minister, said she was deeply moved by his impressive service of welcome, and expressed the wish that all should feel that she stood ready and willing to help in all causes at all times.

Dr. G. E. Lake, of the financial board of the church then made remarks of welcome and proceeded to unveil and present to Rev. and Mrs. Groendyk, the gift of the congregation -- a beautiful studio couch, a handsome floor lamp of latest design and fine end table. This was another mark of appreciation of the good people of the church, and in thanking all, Rev. and Mrs. Groendyk were deeply moved.

Other numbers on the program in the church proper were: readings and poems, interspersed with music by Josephine Everhart, Ben Johnson, Isabel Peterson and George McWilliams; several selections by the junior and senior choirs and the church quartet; vocal duet by Misses Enid and Georgia Woomer; vocal solo by Ruth Frank and the appropriate conclusion of the singing by the congregation, "Bless Be The Tie That Binds."

At this time six young girls marched up the center aisle, each carrying an American Beauty rose, the latter of the six carrying a beautiful bouquet of American Beauties. After the singing of a song, the bouquet was presented to Mrs. Groendyk.

Rev. and Mrs. Groendyk then repaired to the social rooms of the church where Mrs. Groendyk was formally introduced to all by her husband, all filing past and setting themselves in the room.

This reception over, delicious refreshments were served and a happy social hour enjoyed.

This reception and service, which was made possible through the thoughtful efforts of the Ladies'



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Aid Society and the officials of the church was outstanding in the history of the Graysville Presbyterian Church. It was a tribute to a new minister and his good wife that was marked with the utmost sincerity. From start to finish one that certainly must have left the indelible impression on both pastor and people that they had been specially chosen by a greater power for the service one to the other.

(1942) The **REV. ALBERTUS GROENDYK**, pastor of the Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church at Graysville, has been commissioned a lieutenant, junior grade, in the Naval Reserve's Chaplain Corps and has been granted a leave of absence for the duration. This appointment was announced yesterday by the Office of Naval Officer Procurement in Pittsburgh, and stated that Chaplain Groendyk has been ordered to Norfolk, Virginia, to the Navy Chaplain's School.

Rev. Mr. Groendyk is the first minister from the Huntingdon Presbytery to volunteer and be called to service in the armed forces of our country, and a farewell program and reception were given in his honor on Monday night at the church.

The Rev. Edward H. Jones of the First Presbyterian Church of State College was moderator of the congregational meeting which preceded the farewell service, and the entire program of the evening was in charge of Robert Reed, a member of the board of elders of the church. Representatives of each of the various church organizations offered remarks of appreciation and farewell in word and song.

Following the program a reception, with singing and refreshments was held in the Sunday School rooms of the church.

Chaplain Groendyk received the A.B. degree from Calvin College in 1933. He was awarded the Th.B. degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1937 after study at both Calvin Seminary and Princeton. He is a member of the Grange in Pennsylvania Furnace and takes an active interest in many sports including golf, tennis and boxing.

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**THE REV. LYLE BEEBE**, minister of the Presbyterian Church at Graysville, will be the Baccalaureate speaker at the services for the Warriors Mark High School Sunday evening. Mrs. R.L. Harpster will be in charge of the music at the service.

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(1944) Private Edward J. Beebe, aged 19, son the **REV. LYLE J. BEEBE AND MRS. BEEBE**

of Pennsylvania Furnace is missing in action in Italy, according to a telegram received by the parents Sunday afternoon. Rev. Beebe is pastor of the Spruce Creek Presbyterian charge.

The War Department telegram stated that the young soldier had been missing since June 1st. Letters received by the parents from their son were to the effect that he was located in the Anzio Beachhead area.

He entered the service in Sept. 1943, and was sent to Camp Wheeler, Ga., for his basic training. He was then transferred to Ft. Meade, Md., from which place he left for overseas in March of this year. He was a member of an infantry unit.

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(1944) Miss Mary Louise Beebe, daughter of the **REV. AND MRS. L. J. BEEBE** of Pennsylvania Furnace left yesterday for Hunter College, Bronx, New York, where she will begin her boot training in the WAVES.

Miss Beebe is a graduate of Wooster High School and Wooster College, Wooster, Ohio, and had been employed in Red Bank and Long Branch, New Jersey.

Miss Beebe has a brother Pvt. Edward Beebe who was serving with the U.S. Army in Italy. Pvt. Beebe was recently reported missing in action. His parents received word on July 2 that he had been missing since June 1.

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(1945) The **REV. LYLE J. BEEBE AND MRS. BEEBE** of Pennsylvania Furnace are rejoicing over good news from their son, Pvt. Edward J. Beebe, who has been released from a Nazi prison camp.

The parents on Monday received a letter directly from their son stating that he had been released and was in France and expecting to return to the United States shortly.

Private Beebe was taken prisoner by the Germans at Anzio Beachhead on June 1, 1944. Early in July that family was notified that he was missing in action and in August they were notified by the International Red Cross that he had been located in a Nazi camp.

The *Daily News* joins with the many friends of the Beebe family in extending congratulations on the receipt of the good news of his liberation.

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(1946) The membership of the historic old Graysville Presbyterian Church in Spruce Creek Valley on Tuesday night gave a testimonial

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entertainment and party in the church social rooms in honor of the soldiers of the Presbyterian Church and the valley. At the same time the minister and his wife, **REV. AND MRS. BEEBE**, who will leave soon for the foreign mission field, were lovingly remembered with a purse from the Baileyville and Graysville Presbyterian Sunday Schools, presented by Robert Reed.

Max Ward was master of ceremonies and the program of the evening was opened with a piano solo by Ted Steele, followed with remarks by Rev. Jones of State College, Rev. John McCracken of Pine Grove Mills, and Rev. Beebe, pastor of the church.

Touching responses were heard from these veterans: John McNerlin of Tyrone, and Rev. Willard, Rev. A. Groendyk, a former pastor of the church. A quartet composed of Paul McWilliams, Theodore Beebe, Joseph Beebe and J. Max Ward added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

Delicious refreshments were served to the 160 present by the ladies of the church on tables made beautiful in red, white, and blue colors, lighted candles, flags and flowers of the season.

(Source: Bicentennial History - The Presbytery of Huntingdon, 1795-1995)

In 1907 the **REV. LYLE J. BEEBE**, native of Kansas City, began ministry as an assistant pastor at the Clearfield Church. After three years he went to serve the rest of his ministry in Thailand, having the city of Nan as his address, which became a base for pioneer mission work in Yunnan province in China and in Laos. In his *History of Protestant Work in Thailand 1828-1958*, Dr. Kenneth E. Wells, whose son, the Rev. Kenneth A.B. Wells, was pastor of our Geneva Larger Parish, serving Snow Shoe, Bald Eagle and Milesburg church from 1960 to 1963, recalls Mr. Beebe: 'a linguist [who] prepared a Thai Lu Bible, a hymnal, numerous publications, and supervised the church and five Christian groups in outlying villages. During World War II, retired, Dr. Beebe served as interim pastor of Upper Spruce Creek Church.

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(1948) The **REV. CHARLES BEST**, newly appointed pastor of the historic old Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church at Graysville, preached his first sermon on Sunday before an appreciative congregation. Rev. Best, who is a graduate of the Northwestern Theological Seminary, has served a charge at New Salem, Ohio, for the past three years. The formal installation of the new pastor will take

place on Wednesday night, May 12 at 8 o'clock and will be in charge of Dr. Robert L. Hutchinson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Tyrone, who is moderator of the Huntingdon Presbytery.

Rev. Best is married and has a young daughter. Until arrangements have been made for the manse property, the Best family are guests at one of the Lake Brothers' cottages near Warriors Mark.

### (1948) NEWS FROM THE HUNTINGDON PRESBYTERY.

Huntingdon County resident, **Alfred Behrer** of the Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church at Graysville, was licensed as a minister at the Presbytery meeting held in Westminster Presbyterian Church, Mifflintown, on Tuesday. Mr. Behrer is a senior at Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton University, New Jersey.

The **REV. CHARLES W. BEST** of Salem, Ohio, was received into the Presbytery as the new minister at the Spruce Creek Church at Graysville. Mr. Best will be installed at the church in a special service on Wednesday, May 12. The Rev. Henry A. Riddle, D.D. of the Western Theological Seminary at Pittsburgh will deliver the sermon then.

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(1948) The **REV. CHARLES BEST** was installed as pastor of the Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church at Graysville at an impressive ceremony this week.

Dr. Henry A. Riddle of Pittsburgh, president of the Western Theological Seminary, delivered the sermon at the service Wednesday evening. Congratulating the congregation on their selection of Mr. Best, who is a graduate of the seminary, Dr. Riddle directed his remarks to the role the new pastor should fill in ministering to the church.

Charge to the new minister was given by Dr. Robert L. Hutchinson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Tyrone.

The Rev. John B. Martin of Lewistown, moderator of the Huntingdon Presbytery, presided officially over the installation. He put the official questions to the young pastor-elect and later put the official questions to the congregation.

Scripture reading and prayer were offered by the Rev. David I. Schaeffer, Pastor of the Sinking Valley and Lower Spruce Creek Presbyterian Churches.

A formal reception for Mr. and Mrs. Best followed the ceremony. Robert Reed gave the welcome from the men of the church and the welcome from the young people was given by John Behrer. Mrs. Ida Bressler spoke for the women.

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Joseph A. Beebe, a junior at the College of Wooster in Ohio, will be a member of the 120-voice Westminster Choir when it gives an anniversary concert in the Memorial Chapel on Sunday evening.

Mr. Beebe, a graduate of the State College High School, is the son OF **REV. AND MRS. L.J. BEEBE** of Pennfield. A mathematics major, he is also a member of the National Collegiate Players.

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(1953) **REV. ALBERTUS GROENDYK**, 45, a former pastor of the Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church of Graysville and Baileyville, died at a hospital in Cassopolis, Mich. Saturday evening January 16, 1954 after a brief illness.

Rev. Groendyk came to the Spruce Creek Churches upon completion of his seminary work at Princeton and was ordained into the Ministry Pastorate at the Graysville Presbyterian Church in Oct. 1937. In 1942 he entered the Navy as a chaplain. After World War II he served as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Sparrows Point, Md., and later of the Presbyterian Church of Cassopolis, Mich. Rev. Groendyk is survived by his wife, the former Dorothy Hager of Grand Rapids, Mich., and three children, Garland, Barry and Lucy Laurel. Funeral services were held in Cassopolis today and burial was made in his home town, Grandville, Mich., Friday.

(1955) The pastoral relation between The **REV. CHARLES W. BEST** and the Upper Spruce Creek, Presbyterian Church was dissolved, and the minister was dismissed to the Presbytery of Donegal with the commendation of the Huntingdon Presbytery for his fine work while at Graysville.

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(1955) The congregation of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church gave a farewell party last Thursday evening, January 27, for the pastor, the **REV. CHARLES BEST**, and his family.

The Best family has moved to Brogueville, where Mr. Best has accepted the call to the New Harmony Presbyterian Church.

A program was presented in the Spruce Creek Church under the direction of Dr. Samuel Lake, chairman. It was as follows: singing by the congregation; prayer by the Rev. Elwood Bair, pastor of the Methodist Church of Warriors Mark; anthem by the choir under the direction of Mrs. Samuel Lake; talk, the Rev. Ralph Illingworth of the Birmingham Presbyterian Church, song, congregation; benediction.

Later the congregation met in the social room of the church. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Kenneth Duncan, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Alexandria.

Gifts presented to the Best family from the congregation included a chair, end table and dishes. Shirley Weaver, representing the Westminster Fellowship, presented an electric coffee pot to the pastor and his wife. Expressions of thanks and appreciation were extended by Rev. Best.

During the social hour refreshments were served by the Ladies Aid Society of which Mrs. Elwood Fry is the president.

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(1956) The **REV. DAVID FRANK SUETTERLEIN**, recently called to the pastorate of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church, will be installed by the Huntingdon Presbytery and congregation in the church at 8 o'clock this evening.

The installation service will be in charge of the Rev. J. Raymond Powell, presiding moderator of the Huntingdon Presbytery, and the installation sermon will be given by the Rev. Kenneth Duncan, pastor of the Alexandria Presbyterian Church. The charge to the congregation will be made by the Rev. Ralph W. Illingworth, pastor of the Birmingham Presbyterian Church and the charge to the pastor will be made by the Rev. William S. McClain, pastor of the State College Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. Mr. Suetterlein, son of a Presbyterian Minister, was born in Orange, N.J., and is a graduate of Houghton College, Houghton, N.Y. He was graduated from Princeton Seminary, Princeton, N.J. early this summer, and was ordained in the Presbyterian ministry in his father's Presbytery. Providence, R.I., on June 19, 1956. His father is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. Providence.

In August, 1955, he married Lorraine Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hall, Stowe, Vermont. She is also a graduate of Houghton College.

A reception for the new minister and his wife will follow the installation service

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**Mrs. Lorraine Suetterlein**, a 1955 graduate of Houghton College, New York, will replace Wilson Henry at the Spruce Creek School. Henry resigned to accept a position at the College Area Schools in State College.

Mrs. Suetterlein received her bachelor of arts degree in history and taught first grade in New Jersey

## 1959 THE REV. DONALD DAVIS

Don was installed as pastor of the Upper Spruce Creek Church on July 1, 1959. The terms of call were: yearly salary - \$4500.00, one month's vacation, participation in the pension plan and free use of the manse. In 1959 a Church Self-Evaluation Study was done. During Don's ministry there was: 1) Church Officer Training, 2) Teacher Training, 3) beginning of a Christian Education Committee, 4) beginning of a Worship Committee, and 5) organization of a Couple's Club. Preparatory to communion services were still held in 1962.

In November 1963, after four and one-half years at Upper Spruce Creek, Don, wife Nelda, and two daughters, Lynne and Leslie moved to Shippensburg, PA where Don was pastor of the Shippensburg Presbyterian Church, and Nelda worked full-time as mother. During three of the six years that Don was in Shippensburg, he attended Princeton Theological Seminary once a week as part of the "Monday Program" to earn a Masters of Theology in Pastoral Care and Counseling.

The spring of 1969 found the Davis family in State College, PA where Don became a full-time campus minister at Penn State. Nelda earned an M.Ed. in Secondary School Counseling at Penn State and was a Counselor at the State College Junior High School in Park Forest. She worked there for 18 years, retiring in 1991. Don became the Director of the United Ministry at Penn State in 1977, and retired from the campus ministry at the end of 1990. He was also the Moderator and part-time Stated Supply of the Diakonia Presbyterian Church for 28 years, officially retiring in 1993, and actually retiring in April, 1998.

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### "A History That Can Shape Our Future"

(Excerpts from the Bicentennial Celebration Sermon given at the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church by Donald Davis (Pastor 1959-1963) on May 10, 1998.)

... Could we blow up the history of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church? Well, we could detonate the building, but that wouldn't be the history of the Church, would it? It could be found from other sources, and it would be important to find that history, because without it we could lose our sense of rootedness, even our sense of identity. To forget where we have come from is to forget who we are. Having your former ministers back is a way of continuing to be in touch with part of the history of the congregation, but only a small part. I'm sure that you have looked again at the history of this congregation, because it's important to know where you've been if we are to go forward.

But remembering is a mixed bag. . . . history can be an impediment. It's difficult . . . "to embrace one's present situation if we have become stuck in a past which was challenging and invigorating and wonderful." Or sometimes we can get so attached to a person who helped to shape us into who we have become that we are unable to deal with the present and handicapped to deal with the future. . . Sometimes history can get in the way of the present. There are moments and events in the lives of each of us that have shaped us and changed us. There is always a tendency to want to hold onto them, to keep coming back to them. But as soon as we enshrine such memories, they begin to lose their power to help us move into the future. We actually honor events and important people in our past by moving on to the challenges that await us, accompanied by good and gracious memories--and by the presence of the Christ.

Without a sense of history, we lose our identity. But freezing our history can deny us a future--a future which God intends--a road God has set before us. With our history well in mind, we know that God's future involves newness and change, and it involves people to bring it about. We know that because we are some of the ones who have been involved. . . .

So what are we to say after God has spoken to us through Moses, Paul, Jesus, and countless others? It seems to me that one of the messages is that we would do well to remember with gratitude our history. We should remember the decisions that were made and affirm that they were the best decisions that could have been made, given the circumstances and the needs that people at the time were aware of when those decisions were made. That's where the sense of identity of a congregation comes from, and we wouldn't want to blow it up? Decisions that were made are not once-and-for-all decisions--they can be changed in light of the current need. . .

The history of this congregation is a gift from God, and that gift has prepared you for the present and gives you a vision for the future. It may mean giving up some things that have seemed to be basic to who you are in order to be a congregation that is open to the leading of the Spirit of God into the future. When we can do that, we will have dealt well with our history and been faithful to God.





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last year. She is the wife of the Rev. David Suetterlein, the new pastor at the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church.

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(1968) **THE REV. A. CLAUDE CLEVER**, pastor of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church since June 1964, died in the Tyrone Hospital Friday, September 6, 1968. A resident of Pennsylvania Furnace, he was 63 years old.

He was a member of the Huntingdon Presbytery and had been serving on several committees. He was a member of the board of directors of the Presbyterian Homes and served on the council of the Pennsylvania Synod.

Prior to coming to the Spruce Creek Church, the Rev. Mr. Clever had been pastor of the Presbyterian Charge at Curwensville for 20 years. During that time he was very active in community affairs, having served as president of the ministerium, and a member of the Rotary Club. He served his student pastorate, during his seminary years in Nova Scotia and Manitoba.

He had served two churches in Florida, in Pineallas Park and Punta Gorda from 1932 to 1937 and, from that time until 1944 he was pastor of the Amity, Irwin, and Millbrook Churches in Mercer County.

Born June 25, 1905 at Dayton, he was a son of Charles and Alice (Black) Clever. In 1933, he was united in marriage to Florence Runyan, who survives along with two daughters and a son: Mrs. Francis (Loraine) Shaffer, Bethel Park; Miss Eloise A. Clever, Elizabeth, N.J. and Charles C. Clever, Brookings, South Dakota. There are four grandsons.

Also surviving are two brothers and two sisters: Mrs. Paul Greenawalt, Brookville; Mrs. William Roselle, Apollo; Joseph Clever, Dayton and Merrill Clever, Saint Johnsbury, Vermont.

Funeral Services will held in the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church at 11 o'clock this morning with the Huntingdon Presbytery in charge. The Rev. Tolbert D. Hewlett of Mechanicsburg also participated.

Services will also be held at 4 p.m. today in the Concord Presbyterian Church at Dayton and interment will be made in the Concord Cemetery. Koch Funeral Home, State College.

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(1968) The Board of Director, Huntingdon Presbytery and the Clever Family greatly miss the dedicated leadership OF **REV. CLAUDE CLEVER**. He has most efficiently served as Chairman of the

Admissions Committee. His constant concern was the welfare of others. Several memorial gifts have been received by the Homes as a testimony of the Christian witness.

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(1969) **THE REV. THEODORE T. MOORE**  
*The following is a copy of a letter dated March 19, 1969:*

Dear Church Member(s)

The Pulpit Nominating Committee will present for your consideration as a minister to fill the pulpit vacated by the death of the Rev. A. Claude Clever, the Rev. Theodore T. Moore, on March 30, 1969.

Rev. Moore, age 53, was born in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. He is married to the former Helen Zarnowsky, a Registered Nurse. They have two children: Maureen Ann, 23, a school teacher, and Kenneth David, 21, serving in the U.S. Air Force.

Rev. Moore's education is as follows:

North Vancouver High School, B.C. Canada, --1934  
University of British Columbia (B.A.) - 1938  
Union Theological Seminary, Univ. of B.C.-B.D.- 1943

St. Mary's College, St. Andrew's Scotland - graduate study.

Rev. Moore's Ministerial experiences are as follows:

Missionary, United Church of Canada, Cape Mudge Indian Reservation, B.C., Canada - 1943-1948  
Missionary, Presbyterian, Indian Village, Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin - 1948-1950  
Pastor, Calvary United Presbyterian Church, York, PA 1950-1969

Rev. Moore's Personal Theological Statement as taken directly from his dossier:

"I believe in a sovereign God, infinite in his being, therefore more than capable of anything man can dream up in his finite mind. Through personal experience I believe in a redeeming God, working through history, although it must be with an anguished heart.

I believe that the church, the living body of Christ, working through the Holy Spirit holds the greatest hope for mankind, even as he follows his wayward will. My trust and faith these days is found in the 'Theology of Hope'.

I feel that God had redeemed me at His cross and His blessed redemption continues when I 'will' to follow his will. Naturally, since I believe that this is God's world, indeed His creation, He must not be left out of it by our feeble and futile attempts at exclusion. The church must teach, preach His Word,

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and evangelize in the total media of His Creation. My greatest hope is to find how modern man can find the way to use the love, the limitless power shown us in the life and death of Jesus Christ to right all the wrongs of modern alienation. Even as we have not been very successful, except for brief times in history, surely that day is dawning when the lessons of the Spirit will open new doors to every facet of the complex life of modern man."

The Session will call a special congregational meeting following the worship service, March 30, 1969.

This letter is sent to you from the Pulpit .  
Nominating Committee of the Upper Spruce  
Presbyterian Church.

John C. Behrer, chairman	Alvin Houck
Eleanor L. Marshall, sec.	James Lake
John Heichel	Nell McWilliams
Jane Baney	

(1974) **THE REV. THEODORE T. MOORE** of Pennsylvania Furnace, R.D. 1, Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church since 1969, passed away at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 3, 1974 in the Mountain View Unit of the Centre Community Hospital, State College.

A native of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, he was born January 23, 1916 to David M. and Helen (Thompson) Moore. On January 15, 1945, he married the former Helen Zarnowski.

Surviving are his widow and two children, Mrs. Maureen Schatz, Massett, B.C. and Kenneth D., at home. There is one grandchild.

The deceased was a 1940 graduate of the University of British Columbia, and in 1943, he completed his studies at the Union Theological Seminary of the University of British Columbia. His first assignment was as a minister with the Quagutal Indians in Cape Mudge, B.C., from 1943 to 1947. He was then transferred to a charge in Lec du Flambeau, Wisconsin, from 1947 to 1950. In that year, he became pastor of the Calvary Presbyterian Church in York, where he remained until 1969, when he came to the Upper Spruce Creek congregation.

Mr. Moore was a member of the Centre County Ministerium and belonged to the Huntingdon Presbytery, of which he was the Stated Clerk from 1970 to 1974. He was a Lieutenant in the Canadian Army during World War II.

Funeral services will be from the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church, in charge of the Rev. William F. Emery, the Rev. Earl M. Brooks and the Rev. Robert S. Cochs. Burial will be in the Graysville Cemetery.

Following the death of Rev. T.T. Moore, Huntingdon Presbytery appointed **REV. DONALD McILVRIDE** of State College as Moderator of the session of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church. He was well liked by the session and having absented himself from the church for the six month required period, he returned to preach a trial sermon, and he and his wife, Marjorie, subsequently were called to the pastorate here in 1975. This was his first pastorate. Re. McIlvrade had earlier served as a missionary to Thailand, and more recently worked at the Centre County Youth Service Bureau for three years. He was pastor of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church until 1986 when he again felt the Call of God to return to Thailand. While here he attended a course at Pittsburgh Seminary and received his Doctor of Ministry degree. He is still active in the Presbyterian Church and lives in Rock Stream, NY.

(Source: Bicentennial History - The Presbytery of Huntingdon, 1795-1995)

**THE REV. DONALD McILVRIDE** came first as minister to the State College Westminster Foundation. He then spent a tour in Thailand in a comparable role. Returning he became pastor of the Upper Spruce Creek Church, and as chair of the committee charged with mission interpretation he introduced the idea of Mission Advocates for every congregation. Before retiring in 1990, he and his wife, Marge, volunteered for another tour in Thailand, this time as fraternal workers in rural church evangelism and development in Pakh 5 Nan, the 'presbytery' of the Church of Christ in Thailand farthest north of Bangkok. While there he proposed a formal, equal partnership--with the exchange of visits and appropriate gifts, collateral Bible studies and communication of prayer concerns. The opening gesture of the Presbytery of Huntingdon was the purchase of a truck suitable for travel over unimproved roads. The Pakh sent first Bible markers and later banners for every congregation in the Presbytery. Delegations of clergy and laity from the Presbytery toured the Pakh several times, and similarly representatives from the Thai churches came to visit Presbyterians in central Pennsylvania. The year 1995 marks the hundredth anniversary of the formal organization of the Pakh, even as it marks the two-hundredth anniversary of the Presbytery. The two events are expected to be the chief feature of the Bicentennial Celebration of the establishment of the Presbytery of Huntingdon with the visit of a delegation from Thailand. Two members of the delegation, Elizabeth Lake and Marjorie Wertz,

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represented the Upper Spruce Creek Church.

**REV. JOHN W. DAVIS** was appointed Moderator of the Session and stated supply of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church after Rev. McIlvride return to the mission field in June 1986 until the fall of 1987. John was a member of Huntingdon Presbytery and lives in State College. He received a B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Engineering from Penn State University and Master of Ministry degree from Princeton Seminary. During his work years he did some research and taught in the School of Engineering at Penn State. His wife, Barbara, work in Agriculture Extension at Penn State as a specialist in gerontology.

**REV. DAVID CROW** and his wife, Kim, a school teacher, were called to the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church in the fall of 1987 and remained until May 1994. David had recently graduated from Gordon Conwell-a non-denominational seminary in Boston, MA. Dave and Kim had one child, Paige,

when they came, and while here gave birth to a son, Gabriel, and a daughter, Tess. Kim started and directed a youth choir. They now reside in Durham, NC.

Our present pastor, **REV. TED PLOTT**, came to us in November, 1995, from Shamokin Presbyterian Church. Ted evidently has a funny bone because at every meeting, he has one or two jokes to keep us light-hearted, and he usually posts a couple of cartoons with religious connotation on the church bulletin board each week. He is the only pastor in memory that greets us at the church door (usually outside) before Sunday School.

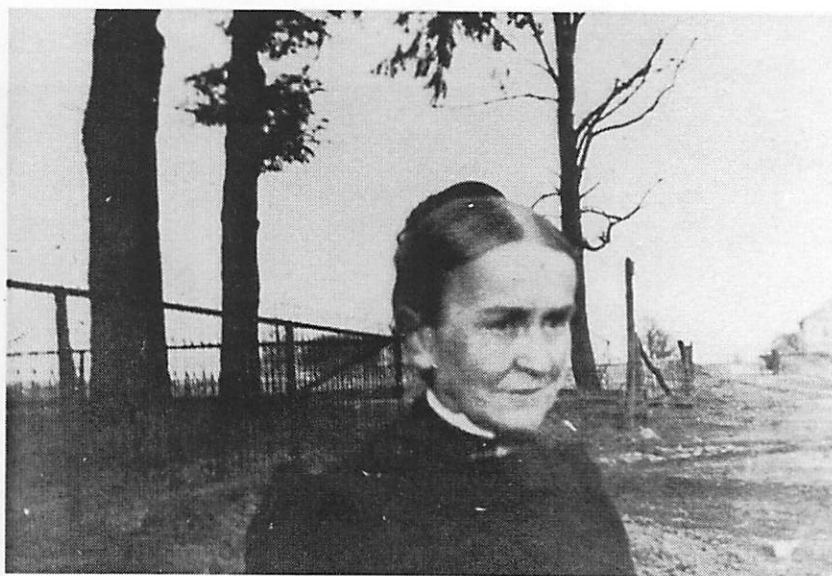
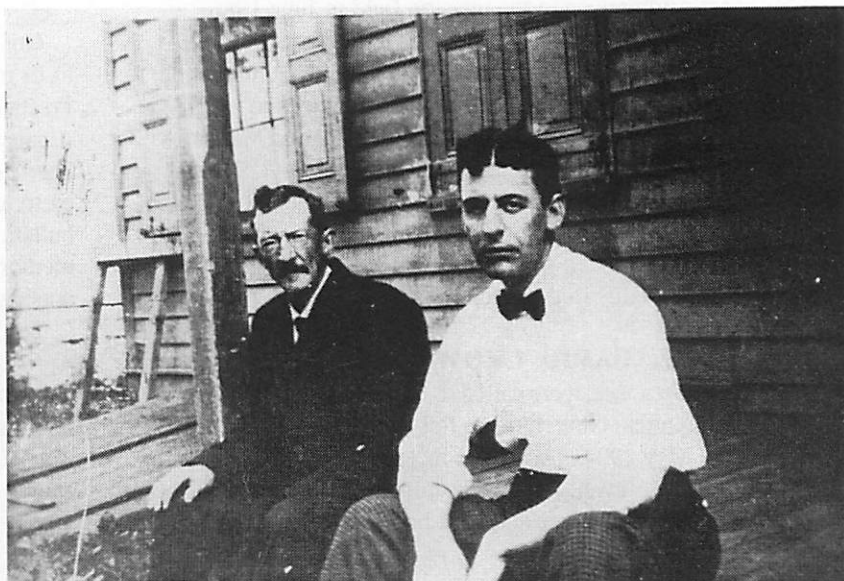
Ted and Jean F. Hopwood were united in marriage April 18th, 1998. The wedding was held at Jean's home church, First Presbyterian Church of Shamokin. This is a very special occasion in this year of celebrations at Upper Spruce Creek.



The Rev. Ted Plott (on right) talking with Elder Bob Oliver after Sunday Services. (March, 1998)

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Photographs of The Rev. R. M. Campbell, Mrs. Campbell & their son  
Rev. Campbell was pastor from September 1902 to November 1921.  
Photographs were taken at rear of parsonage (now the Behrer residence).

**The Church in the Valley Along Route 45**  
by Miriam P. Judy

**Prelude**

The original building was a log church on cemetery hill.  
There the people worshiped and learned about God's will.  
Then fire damaged the structure beyond repair,  
And a frame church was built, for a house of praise and prayer.  
In 1844 the congregation decided to expand.  
James Ewing, Martin Gates and their wives donated the land.  
Then the stone church was built as we know it today.  
The frame church was dismantled and hauled away,  
To Rock Springs for a meeting house along the roadway.  
Later on it was completely demolished, so historians say.  
The stone church is 140 years old this year.  
The church is really the congregation which is two centuries and still here.

**The Church in the Valley Along Route 45**

There is a church in the valley along route 45,  
For two centuries it has been here and still is very much alive.  
Many saints have worshiped here and gone to their eternal rest.  
One by one they gained the portal,  
To dwell with the immortal,  
Where if we are faithful we too shall join the blest.

Many shepherds labored here to show us the way to go.  
There were Reverends Campbell, Fleming, Minick, Brown, Groendyk, Beebe,  
Best, Suetterlein, Davis, Clever, Moore, McIlvride and Crow.  
They all served here for awhile and went to other endeavors.  
Two died while serving here Reverends Moore and Clever.

In this church in the valley along route 45,  
We followed the traditions of those gone before.  
We had Sunday School, Bible School, and Christmas programs too.  
We learned about the love of Jesus, and what we had to do.  
To insure our eternal destiny before this life is o'er.

At this church in the valley along route 45.  
Many teachers taught Sunday School week after week.  
They taught us to ask to receive, knock to have it open, and to find if we seek.  
There were elders, deacons and trustees serving in respective places.  
Some were elected again but each year we saw new faces.  
Many choirs worshiped with praise in song.  
Many organists accompanies them along;  
All Shared their talents to worship God above.  
For they had learned while small that God is love.

From this church in the valley along route 45,  
Many persons went to serve their country in strife.  
There was World War I, II, Korea, Vietnam and the Gulf.  
The congregations prayers were answered; not one soldier lost their life.  
Some returned to the valley to begin their life anew.  
Others settled in places where there was work they could do.

## Poem by Miriam P. Judy

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From this church in the valley along route 45,  
Two pastors Reverends Beebe and McIlvride went to serve abroad.  
They reentered the mission field to tell the people of God.  
Three from the congregation went into full time service also;  
There was Jane, Alfred, and Steve, who went where ever they had to go.  
The old Rugged Cross made a difference for us all,  
If we would only believe and answer God's call.

This beautiful blue limestone edifice we worship in today;  
Was built by our forefathers with loving care.  
They mixed the mortar with pride and prayer;  
That it would be a temple dedicated to the Lord on high.  
They finished the interior and sat back with a sigh,  
Hoping the approval would come from above,  
That many persons would find God here and understand his love.

So on this special occasion we hope you all know,  
It is no secret what God can do.  
With arms wide open he will welcome you,  
So welcome to our church in the valley along route 45,  
We are so grateful to God for helping to keep her alive.

July 21, 1993

(Continued)

Now I must write a few lines more,  
To update the poem I wrote before.  
Changes in the Church in the valley along route 45  
But she remained active and very alive.  
The Reverend David Crow resigned May 1, 1994,  
But we had services each Sunday as before.  
We had supply pastors week after week  
And appointed a committee a new pastor to seek  
They came up with a candidate, Reverend Ted Plott.  
We voted him in, we liked him a lot.

So now I have finished my history.  
The happenings I knew  
I did my best to recall them,  
But I may have forgotten a few.  
I think I have touched on the highlights,  
And I do hope you will agree.  
I wrote this history as a poem,  
For poetry comes so easy to me.  
So may God bless the church in the valley along route 45,  
May she continue to serve Him until the end of the age shall arrive.

Miriam P. Judy  
October 30, 1995



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**Ted Plott, Pastor**

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**James and Jane Baney**

We were married in Pendleton, Oregon in 1948, soon after Jim got out of the U.S. Army. Jane had taught in an Indian Mission School in Oklahoma after graduating from Juniata College before going to Oregon. She taught Home Economics in the Weston School there. Jim worked at large wheat and pea ranches in Oregon. Our children, Grady and Mary were born in Oregon and Vida was born in Pennsylvania. We returned to

Pennsylvania in 1957 and farmed for Jim's brother. We built our present home in 1960 just before Jim went to work at Huntingdon State Correctional Institution. He supervised inmates on the farm for 21 years. Jim enjoys wood working and gardening. Jane has taught Sunday School, sung in the choir, served as an officer in Presbyterian Women, been a deacon and now serves as an elder. We enjoy our children and our 2 granddaughters and 3 grandsons.

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**Beth Henry Bauer**

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**Doug, Glenda and Jennifer Beegle**

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**Allen Behrer**

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**Krista Behrer**

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**Charles M., Sr. and Beulah B. (Strayer) Behrer**

Charles has been a life-long resident of Spruce Creek Valley, and a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church since early youth. Beulah grew

up in the Lutheran Church at Gatesburg. Upon their marriage she joined the Upper Spruce Creek Church. They have two sons, Robert W. and Charles M., Jr. Charles has been involved in agriculture most of his life, and both he and Beulah retired from Penn State University. In memory of Beulah who passed away on January 4, 1998, and Charles who passed away less than two weeks later.

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**Derwood and Janet Behrer**

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**John and Bernice (Rider) Behrer**

We have operated a dairy farm near Seven Stars originally purchased by John's grandfather over a hundred years ago. Bernice was raised on a dairy farm at Pennsylvania Furnace, PA. John has been a lifelong member of this church as were his parents, Reuben and Mabel Peterson Behrer, and grandparents, Mrs. Lavina (Harpster) Behrer, Alfred S. Peterson and Emma (Swan) Peterson. John has been very active in this church over the years serving as Sunday School superintendent, teacher, treasurer, elder, clerk of session and choir member. Bernice has been a member of this church since the early 50's transferring from the Gatesburg Luthern Church. She has been a Sunday School teacher and deacon. We are the parents of 5 children: Michael, married to Linda (Lockhoff) Behrer, Ruth Ann, married to Edward Corridon, Nancy, married to John Nagel, Susan, married to Greg Blum and Thomas (deceased). We have 7 grandchildren.



**Kirk W. Behrer**

Kirk is the fifth generation of the Behrer family to be members of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church. He became a member in 1976. A graduate of Pennsylvania State University, he is manager of his family's landscape contracting firm.



**Robert W. and Lorrie (Kephart) Behrer**

Robert's family has resided in Spruce Creek Valley for over one hundred years. He attended Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church with his parents and brother while

growing up. Lorrie was raised in the Free Methodist Church at Philipsburg, R.D. In 1976 they both became members of the Upper Spruce Creek Church. They have one child, a son, Kirk W. Behrer. Together, the three of them own and operate the oldest landscape contracting business in the State College area. They reside in the original Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian manse at Pennsylvania Furnace.



**John, Judy and Andy Black**

Judy Black and husband John moved from Philadelphia to Franklinville in 1972. Sarah was born two years later, followed by Katherine and Andrew. In 1984, the family moved to a farm in Warriors Mark. Although John was raised in Tyrone, they have no family connections in Huntingdon County. Now the girls are both away at college, Sarah in Boston and Kate in Lexington, Kentucky. Andy is a student at Tyrone Area Junior High School.

**John and Ruby (Boone) Borders**

John and Ruby Borders joined the

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Upper Spruce Creek Church in the Spring of 1994. John grew up in Tifton, Georgia and is a graduate of University of the South in Sewanee, TN and American University in Washington DC. In 1981 he retired as a Lt. Col. after twenty years service in the Marine Corps. Ruby grew up near Howard in Centre County and graduated from Penn State. Before moving to central Pennsylvania, they lived in the Atlanta area and owned a printing and office supply business. They have two children: Jim who is a Captain in the Air Force and lives in Colorado Springs with his wife, Martha, and Rebecca who lives in Takoma Park, Maryland.



**Winfield and Jean Boyd**

After living in Millersville, MD and working in Annapolis for 30 years, Win and Jean returned to Win's alma mater in 1991 and moved into the Johnson house next to the church in Graysville in July of that year. Jean and Win joined the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church in November of 1991. Win sings in the choir and was a member of the Pastor Nominating Committee.

Jean is in her second term as a Deacon and is currently serving as Moderator. She is also a co-chair of the Bicentennial Steering Committee. They have two children, Lee Ellen, who is a professor of Natural Sciences at Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas; and Anne Boyd Frampton, who lives with her husband, Keith, and daughter Faith, in Sykesville, MD. All of them enjoy coming to visit in this beautiful valley and attending our church when they are able.



**Dale, Saralee, Joshua,  
Natalie and Evan Bresler**



**Roy & Ida (Woomer)  
Bresler**

Roy and Ida each trace early ancestry back into Germany and each had a grandfather serving in the Pennsylvania Volunteers Infantry during the Civil War. Grandfather Woomer's parents lived and farmed in Colerain. Sometime after Isaac's marriage, he and his wife, Regina (Rhodes) Woomer became members of this church on profession of faith, March 3, 1872. A miller by trade at Colerain, Isaac bought the grist mill in Graysville and moved his family here in 1879. Ida's father, Edmund, was born two years later. He married Lysle Shank of Warriors Mark in 1913 and became members of the Graysville church on January 11, 1914. All the children--Harold, Louise, Enid, Georgia, John and Ida--were brought up in the church. Roy's grandfather, Samuel Bresler was a communicant member with the Lutherans at Gatesburg in 1866. Although Roy grew up on his father Scott's farm just three miles from Graysville, he and Ida attended different churches, high schools and colleges, and had never met. In time, we did, and three years later were married in



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this church by the Reverend Lyle Beebe who had returned from Thailand. They now have three sons--Dale on his Grandfather Bresler's farm, Scott E. in Virginia and Stephen who is overseas with Campus Crusade for Christ. The grandchildren number eight.



**David, Joyce, Erin and Alyssa Burns**

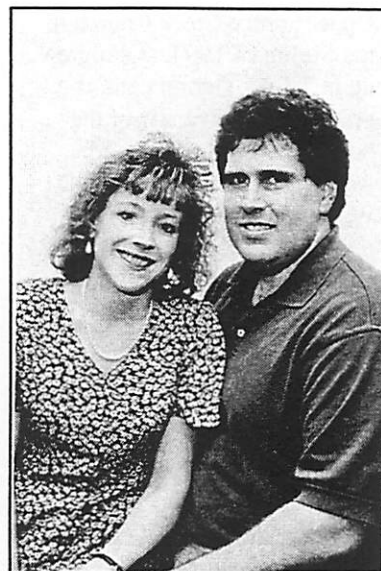
Joyce & David Burns have lived in Baileyville since 1976. Joyce is a R.N. and works as a Home Health Nurse for Brookline Home Care. David works for Vigilant Security, Inc., an electronic security company of which he is co-owner. Prior to their marriage in 1975 Joyce grew up on her family's Dairy Farm in Sinking Valley near Tyrone, PA. She is the daughter of Chalmer and Marine Hileman. David grew up in Warriors Mark, PA and is the son of Domer and Alice Burns. Joyce and David have two daughters, Erin, age 17, and Alyssa, age 13. Erin will be graduating from State College Area High School and will attend the University of Delaware in the Fall of 1997. Alyssa will be going into the 8th grade at the

Mount Nittany Middle School. Joyce and David started attending the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church in 1982 and joined the Church in 1983.

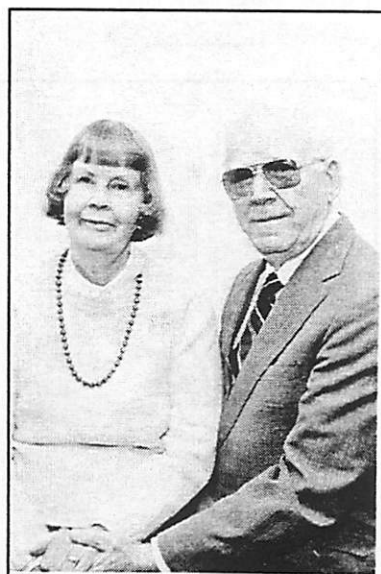


**Mary Catherine (Harpster) Carper**

My parents, Clark and Harriet (Judy) Harpster were active members of this church. I was baptized and joined the church at an early age. Rev. Charles Best was the minister for my marriage to Earl Leroy Carper in 1954. Earl was stricken with a fatal heart attack in 1970. I'm retired from the U.S. Postal Service and live in Baileyville near the house where I grew up. My children are: Judy Naomi, Edward Clark, and Ronald Earl.



**Ronald and Tamara Carper**



**Roe and Ann Cunningham**

Roe and Ann Cunningham with their three sons, Gregg, Val and Breck, moved to State College approximately 34 years ago. Roe is a retired public school teacher of Art. Ann has been a homemaker for the past 51 years. All of the sons are married and Roe and Ann are blessed with one granddaughter and four grandsons. They joined the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church in 1992.



### **Roxy and Ken Davis**

On July 11, 1948 Ken and I were married at my home in Graysville. The house was torn down in 1950 to make way for Route 45, and it plus my father's farm machinery dealership were in the area where Aqua Penn Water pumps water into their tanks these days. My father and mother were Chester W. and Cora Rumberger Behrer, the parents of eight children, Helen, Charles, Stanley, Fay, Roxy, Derwood, Merle, and Donald.

Ken's father and mother were Thomas A. and Harriet Peters Davis, the parents of five children Madaline, Kenneth, Dorothy, Edna Mae, and Ethel.

I grew up in this church and remember when many children attended. In our family we had Edna who is a nurse at Centre Community Hospital, Wesley who works for Ameron at State College in summer and Penn Dot in winter, Donna works in pharmacy at Centre Community Hospital and at this time Edna and Donna are both taking classes at Penn State University to get their degrees. A niece, Selma Perrine Thompson was raised in our home and she worked at Penn State University but is retired

now.

Ken and I lived in Bellefonte for twelve years, and I joined First Presbyterian Church there for a time, but, when we moved back to Graysville and later Whipples Dam, I came back to USCPC and have been a member since.

Selma, my niece, played piano and organ in USCPC and is now playing organ at Pine Grove Mills Presbyterian Church.

We have grandchildren and all have attended Sunday School and Church at USCPC and namely they are Christine, Michael and Katie--Edna and Robert Miller's children and likewise in the Miller household Marjorie Norlander was raised as one of the family. Next is Wesley, Sr. and Sheila Shaw Davis's children, Stacey, Wesley, Jr. and Brittany.

Selma and Gerald Thompson have a son, Mark, and I even brought him to Bible School along with Edna's children when we had Bible school.

I played piano for Sunday School opening for a number of years and this meant playing for Bible School and Children's Day Services, and I even played the organ some but at that time we had organists in numbers compared to today. I even worked with Edna "Teddy" Lake in Beginners Department plus Dorothy Heichel for a time.

I remember my father, Chester W. Behrer, served as Trustee, Elder and was treasurer during his term as elder and he served on nominating committee for one of ministers.

My mother, Cora, due to large family, etc. couldn't always do much for church but when Ladies Aid Society had bazaars plus other feeds she usually ended up washing dishes, etc. and it was said she worked so fast even the people drying dishes couldn't keep up with her.

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**David, Vicky, Heidi,  
Kathy, David and Beth  
Drake**

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### **Gladys Ellenberger**

Lee and Gladys Ellenberger joined Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church in Jan. 14, 1951. 2 sons, Ned and Mark, joined at 12 years of age. Lee died Nov. 1971, he was a faithful member, and served as Elder for a time. Gladys continues to worship and enjoy the congregation, the Church, and Pastors. Ned continues his membership here, and visits with us when home. Our hope, that the Church will remain 200 years more.

### **Ned Ellenberger**



### **William and Geraldine (Cunningham) Gorman**

William moved to Spruce Creek Valley with his parents Ernest and Margaret Gorman in 1930 from Braddock, PA at the age of 4 years. He was one of four children. They lived and worked for various farmers throughout the

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Valley before finally settling on their own farm on top of "Mill Hill." William joined the Navy in 1943, serving aboard the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown during the South Pacific conflict of WWII, returning home in 1946. Geraldine moved to the Hindman Farm at Huntingdon Furnace from Sinking Valley in 1937 at age 6. The daughter of Levi and Minnie Cunningham, she was one of nine children. They lived in the house at the top of the hill. Her father farmed there until his retirement. William and Geraldine were childhood sweethearts and married in 1950. Geraldine joined the Warriors Mark Methodist Church at the age of 12. In 1966 she moved her church membership from Warriors Mark and together with her husband William and his parents joined the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church where they have been active members.



**Joseph Gunsallus**

The family of Joseph H. Gunsallus (& Roberta Taylor Gunsallus) I moved my family here to the Spruce Creek Valley in 1954 from the Warriors Mark area and the Center Line Church

of the Brethren. We joined the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church at that time and have been members of the Church for 43 years. We had been dairy farmers from 1939 until 1954 when we moved from the Gunsallus homestead to the Chet Behrer property here in the Valley. In 1962 we bought the Elder place located just above the Church which we enjoyed together until Roberta's death in 1981. I retired as a guard at the Rockview Penitentiary in 1980 after 24 years of service. Our daughters, Kay, Carol and Kathy were pianists for the Sunday School, and Carol and Kathy were also organists. Carol was an organist-choir director for many years. Kay, a graduate of the Altoona School of Commerce, married Paul E. Reed in 1959. Carol, attended Juniata College, graduated in music from Penn State University, and married Robert N. Oliver in 1961. Kathy, a graduate of Combs College of Music in Philadelphia married Edward Zeuner, a New Jerseyian, in 1970. Kay and Carol held their weddings and receptions in this Church. I continue to live just above the Church on the old Elder place and walk to Sunday School and Church every Sunday.



**James and Elna Hanly**

The Hanlys moved to the Warriors Mark area when Jim became Executive Director of the Presbyterian Homes of Huntingdon Presbytery. He had served as a church pastor for twenty-four years, most recently in Hollidaysburg. Jim continues to be an active member of Huntingdon Presbytery and Ellie joined the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Congregation in 1988. She has been a teacher in Hollidaysburg for 20 years. They have three married children: Eric and Anne, living in Connecticut; David and Marsha in Philadelphia; and Kristin and Dave, who live with sons, Alex and Patrick, in Atlanta. Jim and Ellie have many hobbies, but their children and grandchildren top the list.



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**Helen Henderson**

I have been a member of the USCPC Church since April of 1966. I also served as an elder and was a member of the choir. I am a retiree of The Pennsylvania State University and have two children and two grandsons.

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**Jeff and Barbara Henderson**

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**Frank and Barbara Henry**

Frank and Barbara returned to the area in 1981, having initially retired after spending 21 years on active duty with the U.S. Air

Force. With their four children, Beth, Bryan, Karen and Alison, they moved into their current residence at Pennsylvania Furnace where they continue their hobby of restoring and enhancing their home which was once one of the original furnace buildings. Prior to beginning their careers, the Henrys each attended Warriors Mark School, graduating from the Tyrone Area High School subsequent to the consolidation which took place in 1954. Frank is a graduate of the Penn State, the University of Oklahoma, and the Defense System Management College and recently retired from HRB Systems, Inc. in State College. Barbara graduated from the Northeastern Hospital School of Nursing, Philadelphia. After working in various states within the mental health field, she is currently the manager of the Mental Health Unit, Centre Community Hospital in State College.

Regarding their children—each graduated from the State College Area High School and continued their formal education by receiving initial degrees from Penn State. Dr. Beth (Henry) Bauer currently serves as a post-doctorate fellow, laboratory animal, at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas. Bryan is a senior software design engineer with HRB Systems, Inc. and lives with his wife, Shirl, and four children in State College. Karen (Henry) Phillips resides with her husband Rich and two children in the Williamsport, PA area where she is a homemaker, elementary school teacher and will continue graduate studies at Bucknell University. Alison completed a U.S. Congressional Internship within the House of Representatives and, in August 1997, received a graduate degree

(M.S. Criminal Justice) from the University of Cincinnati.

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**Lucille (Johnson) Houck**

Lucille Johnson Houck became a member of the church at the time of her marriage to Glenn E. Houck. My home was on a farm near Waynesburg, PA. We operated Seven Stars Farm following Glenn's parents, Joseph and Anna Johnston Houck. Our children were Vaughn, Brian, Rena, Lorne and Nadine.

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**Nadine Houck**

Nadine is presently attending Penn State for a degree in landscape construction. Her past employment was in the accounting field in Berks County. She is the youngest daughter of Glenn and Lucille Houck.

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**Rena, Frank, Larissa and Caitlyn Jackson**

Rena Houck Jackson, husband, Frank and Larissa (7) and Caitlyn (3) live in Lubbock, Texas where Rena is Food Service Director for off-campus student housing at Texas Tech University.

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**Miriam P. Judy**

The Judy Family were not natives of Spruce Creek Valley. They migrated from Garet, Somerset County in 1904. Grandfather Judy and family were Lutherans. Father Judy joined the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church because it was so far to drive the horse in hot weather to the nearest Lutheran Church in Pine Grove Mills. I (Miriam) was baptized in the church in 1917. I attended Vacation Bible School and was active in the youth group which was known as Christian Endeavor. When I graduated from business college I was my fathers right hand helper for he had a serious heart problem. He died in 1957, and I operated the farm myself from March 1 until October 1, 1957. I was employed by the United States Postal Service in Pennsylvania Furnace, PA for 32 years, retiring from there as Postmaster in 1985. I served as Justice of the Peace for Franklin Township, Huntingdon County from 1964 until 1970. I am now in my 27th year as a Notary Public.



**Lulu Meek Keller**

Lu became a member in 1963. She married Robert S. Keller in 1954. They had three children: Scott, Linda Carper and David and now have four grandchildren. Robert died in 1996.

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**Mr. and Mrs. William A. Kendall (Peggy)**

Natives of Massachusetts, we met while we were in graduate school at Ohio State. We moved to State College in 1970 after 16 years in Lexington, KY. Bill was employed by the Agricultural Research Service and did research

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concerning forage crops. Our three children were born in Kentucky. All are married and at present reside in Massachusetts, Michigan and Pine Grove Mills, PA. We have six grandchildren. Bill retired in 1989. Peggy is a Commissioned Lay Pastor and is active in several Presbytery committees. We spent 23 years as members of the State College Presbyterian Church before transferring to Upper Spruce Creek in 1994. At this point in our lives we feel more comfortable in a small church environment.

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**Ed, Mert and Megan King**  
Mert's home has always been the Spruce Creek Valley. Her grandparents David and Maude Heichel lived on a farm in Rock Springs. They then purchased a farm in the Tyrone area. Mert's parents, Willis and Mary Elizabeth Hertlein Heichel, first lived in Rock Springs and moved to Graysville, when Mert was a toddler. Mary was born in Arcadia, PA and then her family moved to Karthus in Clearfield County. Mary's mother died when she was seven and her father when she was eleven. She was

then placed in a foster home. Her foster mother, Della Hoffman, was a sister of Maude Heichel. Mert has fond memories of these two sisters who were her Grandma and Grammie. Willis died in January of 1960 and Mary in May, 1992. 1960 was a year of many challenges for Mary, a widow with five of six children being sixteen or younger. On December 25, 1960 she gave each of her children a Bible which has always been a cherished gift and a testimony to Mary's strong religious commitment and her years of dedication and involvement with the church and her family. All of Mert's five siblings became members of the USCPC. Mert, her two sisters, Dorothy and Barbara, and brother John were also married in this Church. On June 12, 1971, Mert, a first grade teacher, married Ed King, an automotive technician formerly of Bath, Maine. Ed since moving to Pennsylvania in 1971 and becoming a member of the USCPC has been a deacon, an elder and a member of the choir. Mert has taught Sunday School, directed and taught Bible School, has been an officer and member of the Women's Association, a deacon and a member of the choir. Ed and Mert lived in Graysville until 1982. In December 1982 they moved to their present home which they built themselves in Spruce Creek. Ed and Mert have two daughters, Michelle Linn King (September 22, 1972) married James Raabe on December 18th, 1993 in the Church. Jim, an electrical engineer at PSU, and Michelle, a substitute teacher and their son, Kyle Edwin Raabe live in Franklinville and are members of USCPC. Megan Leigh King (January 5, 1980) is a member of the USCPC and also a member of the 1998 senior class at Tyrone

Area High School. She has also taken classes at PSU and will enter PSU as a full-time student in animal bioscience in the fall of 1998. Megan has participated in summer work camps in Washington, DC and was a youth delegate from the Huntingdon Presbytery at Purdue University in 1995.

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**Earl Lake**

I am a lifetime resident of Spruce Creek Valley. I was born and raised here. I have attended the U.S.C.P.C. my whole life. I have served as assistant superintendent, superintendent, and deacon. I have also taught Sunday School.

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**Elizabeth Oliver Lake**

Elizabeth has lived in Spruce Creek Valley all her life. She was born and grew up on the farm across from the church (now the Robert Oliver farm). Her parents, Ella and James Oliver, were active members with the family always in church on Sunday. Elizabeth's life has centered around her teaching profession, family, church and community. Elizabeth was an elementary teacher with a total of 30 years in the Huntingdon and Tyrone School District. In June 1952, Elizabeth and James Lake were married at Upper Spruce Creek. The Lakes were also very active members of the church. Jim was born at Mt. Lebanon, PA and moved to the valley at an early age. Upon their marriage, Jim and Elizabeth, moved to their new home on Jim's farm—just a mile from the church. Elizabeth still lives there. Jim died in 1978. Their 3 children Lois, Earl, and Lucy were baptized and joined Upper Spruce Creek. Earl and Lucy are still active members. Lois lives in the Sinking Valley area, Tyrone with her husband, John Loncher and their 3 children.

Elizabeth remembers vividly the day she joined the church—

January 8, 1939 and through the years has joyfully served the church in different areas: Presbyterian women, elder, Sunday School teacher, organist, choir director, and Clerk of Session.



**Lucy Lake**



**Edward and Relda Newlin**

Edward (Ned) is a great-grandson of John Melville Wigton and Jennie Jackson Wigton, and grandson of Mary Wigton Newlin Reeve, who were members of this

church. Ned lived his first three years at the "upper house" at Cool Run, the Wigton Farm. His family held membership in Upper Spruce Creek Church until they moved to Tyrone. Relda was born in Oakmont, Pennsylvania and later moved to Greenville, Pennsylvania. Both Ned and Relda attended Penn State University where they met. After teaching and Ned's graduation, from Dickenson School of Law in 1970, they eventually returned to this area to reside at Huntingdon Furnace. Their children, Matthew and Nathaniel, were raised at Huntingdon Furnace.

**Matthew Newlin**

Matthew graduated from Harvard College and presently attends Jefferson Medical School in Philadelphia.

**Nathaniel Newlin**

Nathaniel graduated from Harvard College and is working in New York City.



**Robert, Carol & Chris Oliver**

The Oliver family immigrated



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from Ireland in the early 1800's and settled in Spruce Creek Valley. James Oliver owned the Ellenberger Farm and the present Robert Oliver farm. He was also a stone mason and helped to build the present stone church structure--the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church. James' son, Andrew, was active in the Church from 1848-1925. Andrew's son, James S., and his wife Ella (Nearhoof), and their children--Elizabeth, James, Jr., and Robert served in the Church, also. James, Sr. was an elder from 1940-1968, and Ella was the organist, Sunday School teacher, and a leader of the Women's groups.

Robert Nearhoof Oliver has been involved in the Church and served as janitor from 1950-1990, as elder since 1964, and as Trustee from 1959-1963. Robert married Carol Gunsallus in 1961 in The Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church. Carol, a Penn State graduate in music, served as organist-choir director in the Church for many years, taught Sunday School classes, and led the Presbyterian Women. Robert and Carol are the parents of two children: a son Chris Cameron (see above) and a daughter, Robin Ella, who is a graduate of Penn State University and Thomas Jefferson School of Medicine in Philadelphia and a medical doctor in the State College area. Chris Oliver is a student at Penn State University majoring in Agricultural Business Management and plans to attend law school. He is an active member of the Church and serves as an usher, greeter, and Lay Reader.

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**John and Nancy Pekruhn**  
According to the sheepskin deed hanging on our wall, my wife

Nancy's family, the Ingrams, came to the Spruce Creek Valley in 1772. A frequent visitor to the Valley, I became a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church in 1982. Upon retirement from the Architectural faculty at Carnegie Mellon University, we took up full-time residency at "Colerain", where I very happily spent my time planting flowers and attending to the horticulture of our home. (Jane Baney, on occasion, used my flowers for Sunday service.) My health necessitated the move back to Pittsburgh but part of me will always be in the Spruce Creek Valley. In 1961 our daughter, Susan, was married in the church by Don Davis. I have always admired the architectural quality of the church and its "foursquare" character. John died February 16, 1998 in Oakmont, PA.

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### Karen and Rick Phillips

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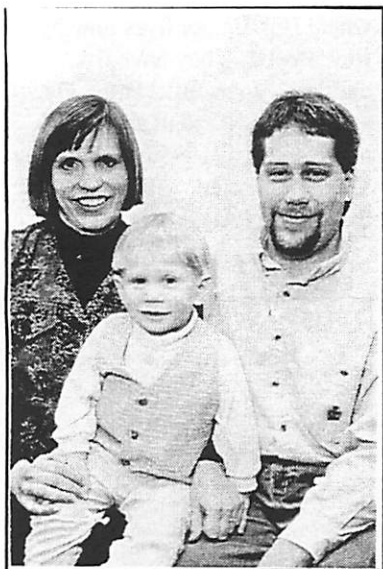


**William and Betty Poust**  
Randall joined the church February 5, 1922. Betty joined in 1946. They were married November 29, 1945 at the manse

where Bob Behrer lives now by Rev. Beebe. They have five children: Joan, Bill, Patte, Dick, and Wayne. Randall and Betty moved July 4, 1995 to the Valley View Retirement Village in Belleville, PA.



**Betty Jane (Poust) Powley**  
I am the daughter of the late James and Madeline (Harpster) Poust, who were members of the Upper Spruce Creek Church all their lives. I was baptized on June 4, 1931 by Rev. Samuel Brown and joined the church when I was 12 years old. I was married to John E. Powley (deceased) who was also a member of the church. We were blessed with one daughter, Elaine Ruth, who was baptized by Rev. Charles Best and at a later date joined the church. Elaine and her husband (Clark Johnson, Jr.) now live in Sierra Vista, Arizona. I have one granddaughter, Tammi Jane McChristy and one great-granddaughter, Kayla Marie McChristy.



**James, Michelle and Kyle Raabe**

Michelle's grandmother, Mary Elizabeth Heichel, who was a very involved member. Michelle's mother, Mert, was raised in the Church and also became a member. Mert then married Edwin King from Bath, Maine who joined the Church when he moved to Pennsylvania. Michelle and her sister Megan have lived in the Spruce Creek Valley all of their lives. They were both baptized in the Church and became members when in junior high school. Michelle has been an active member, teaching Sunday School, serving as Sunday School Superintendent, and working as a youth leader. After graduating from high school Michelle met James Raabe also from the area. Jim became a member shortly after they were married in the Church on December 18, 1993. Jim has been a youth leader and also served as a Deacon. Michelle, a substitute teacher, and Jim, an Assistant Research Engineer at the University, have a son, Kyle Edwin, born on May 9th, 1995. Kyle was baptized in the Church in July 1995. Jim and Michelle are expecting their second child in

August, 1998.



**Barbara Ellen (Judy) Ray**

My grandparents, George and Missouri Judy (Christner) moved to this area from Garrett (Somerset County) in 1904. The family moved their belongings by horse and wagon and the livestock was sent by train to the station at Pennsylvania Furnace. George did not like working in the coal mines and was unable to secure land to farm in Somerset Co. so he purchased a farm at the foot of Tussey Mountain near Pennsylvania Furnace. My father, Theodore Roosevelt, was the youngest of 11 children. My grandparents were Lutherans in Somerset County and became Presbyterians in Huntingdon County. Four of George's children spent the balance of their lives in this area and members of the USCPC for most if not all of their lives. My mother, Bernice Mae Strayer, in her youth was a member of the Gatesburg Lutheran church and she joined the USCPC by Letter of Transfer on 3-6-38. My older brother, Donald Roosevelt, and my younger brother, Robert Eugene, were both members of the

USCPC until they moved from the area. A nephew, Scott Robert, and a niece, Carrie Anne, were members of the USCPC. I have lived in the area all my life. I was born in my homestead which had formerly been a railroad company house. My father worked for the railroad for a couple of years before he turned to farming. He saved money while working on the railroad and purchased my homestead for \$500 from McAllister's. My parents never lived anywhere else. I did not leave the area and currently I live about 1 mile from my homestead. I became a member of the USCPC on 4-15-54. I was married in the USCPC by Rev. Ralph Illingworth on August 29, 1964 to Park Eugene Ray. In 1970 I was elected the first female elder of the USCPC for a three year term beginning January, 1971 thru December, 1973. In addition to serving more terms as Elder, I have served on most committees of the church (Chair of Worship & Music, Christian Ed., Stewardship, etc.) been Sunday School Supt., and been active in Presbyterian Women (over 20 years as Treasurer and still am). I also have been on Presbytery Committees; and have been a "Life" Member of the Presbyterian Homes Auxiliary for over 20 years.



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**Judy and Benjamin Richard**

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**Joyce Rossman**

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**Eugene, Bonnie, Tara and  
Jana Rossman**



**Kenneth and Eleanor Rudy**  
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth E. Rudy  
(Eleanor C. Pritham)

Ken has lived in the Pennsylvania Furnace area all his life and has had relatives attending our church for many years. Ken attended the Baileyville Sunday School as a

child. He first joined our church in April, 1954 along with his mother, Mrs. John Rudy. After graduating from Williamsport Technical Institute in May, 1960, Ken went to work at the Penn State University in September, 1960. He is presently working there as Support Services Supervisor at the Radiation and Science Engineering Center/Breazeale Nuclear Reactor. Eleanor graduated from the Lansdale School of Business in August, 1959. She worked in Lansdale and Penn State University--State 4-H Office. She and Ken married in August, 1963. Their daughter, Carol Elizabeth, was born August, 1966. Eleanor worked part-time at Kline's School Bus Garage and the Penna. Furnace Post Office. Ken and Eleanor joined our church together in March, 1977. Their daughter, Carol joined with the Confirmation Class in April, 1979. Carol is married to Chris Sweeney. They are the parents of two children--Jonathan Thomas born 4-7-94 and Jessica Caroline born 9-25-96. Ken and Eleanor have enjoyed helping our church as adult Sunday School teacher, choir, Deacon, Spruce Creek Current, Presbyterian Women, Presbyterian Homes Auxiliary.

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**Georgia K. (Woomer)  
Schell**



**Margaret Strayer and  
Jeanne Wenrick**

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**Anne Wagner**

Mrs. Harris N. Wagner (Anne) The Presbyterian Church at Graysville provided a place of worship for the new families arriving in the Valley in the early 19th century. Among the early members were some of my ancestors, Ingrams, Montgomerys and Nicholson (Nickleson). Later Wigtons joined the young congregation after 1830. Fifth and Sixth generation descendants continue to have ties to this church. My parents Helen (Harnish) and Robert J. Wigton were active members. I was baptized and confirmed in this church. Today the names have changed to Newlin, Everhart, Wilson and Keller. As members or visitors, all share a respect for the past. We are optimistic about the future, certain that new families will (again) discover the Church at Upper Spruce Creek.

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**Amy Weaver**

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**Marjorie Wertz and  
Kathleen J. Allison**

Marjorie and her husband, Harold Wertz, Sr., of Indian Caverns, Spruce Creek, PA, joined the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church in 1976. Harold, owner of Indian Caverns since 1929 was

a former member of a Methodist Church, Tyrone, PA, and Marjorie, a member of St. Marks Episcopal Church in Lewistown, PA. Since neither chose to join the other's denomination, they compromised and joined the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church. Up until Harold's death in 1987, they thoroughly enjoyed being a part of this church together. Marjorie is a former Deacon and Elder of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church, having served 6 years in each of these capacities with Mission a priority, having participated in a Study Mission Tour of 18 days in Thailand in 1991, sponsored by the Huntingdon Presbytery for the purpose of strengthening a partnership with a group of Christian Thais. Marjorie is very happy to continue to be an active member of the Upper Spruce

Creek Presbyterian Church and makes her home at Indian Caverns.

In memory of Kathleen J. Allison. Kathleen, born and raised in Lewistown, PA, a former member of the St. John's Lutheran Church, Lewistown, came to live with her sister, Marjorie Wertz, at Indian Caverns, Spruce Creek, PA, in 1989. She had previously joined and became a member of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church in 1983 of which she is presently a member in good standing.

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**Vida and Charles Wheeland**

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Scripture: Acts 8: 6-40

The Book of Acts sometimes called the Acts of the Apostles is as you know a collection of stories which tell of the spread of the Christian Church. After the stoning of Stephen there began a time of violent persecution for the church in Jerusalem. Christians except for the apostles scattered throughout Judaea and Samaria to avoid being killed or imprisoned. Rather than being silent about their faith; however, they preached Jesus Christ wherever they went.

The main character in our story this morning is Philip, not Philip the apostle, but Philip who had been appointed a deacon. Philip was perhaps the most successful in performing miracles, healing and baptizing. But since he was baptizing only in the name of Jesus, Peter and John were sent down from Jerusalem to complete the baptism by laying on of hands and praying for them so they might receive the Holy Spirit. After a while the three started back to Jerusalem. On the way Philip was told by an angel to head south towards Gaza. No explanation, just go! And Philip got up and went. Along this deserted road he met an Ethiopian eunuch sitting in a carriage and reading out loud to himself a passage from Isaiah. In a similar circumstance we would probably have backed off thinking the eunuch was a bit addled. But reading out loud even in private was common at the time. He had apparently been to Jerusalem to worship so he was probably a proselyte, not a Jew by birth. He was an important man, a foreigner from a far country, a man who as minister to the queen of Ethiopia had much power and authority. And he was a seeker, one who wanted to understand what he was reading.

I can imagine Philip standing by the side of the road and wondering "Is this my assignment?" However, prodded by the Spirit he ran up to the carriage and joined the eunuch. Determining that the eunuch did not understand what he was reading, Philip explained the passage from Isaiah and went on to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ. Soon they came to some water and Philip baptized him. Coming out of the water the Spirit snatched Philip away and the eunuch went on his way rejoicing.

I said earlier that the main character was Philip. Was he? The Spirit/angel ordered Philip to travel down a deserted road at noon, and Philip went; the Spirit prodded Philip to go up to the carriage before it had gone by; the spirit was there ahead of Philip, the ground was prepared by the eunuch reading the Scripture; the eunuch was ready and eager to learn; Philip was given the words to say by the spirit; there happened to be water available for baptism and

afterwards the Spirit snatches Philip and moves him to Azotus. The Spirit is obviously the main character and Philip was connected to the power of the Spirit. He was open to the urging of the Spirit, he listened, he got up and went, he ran, he opened his mouth, he told the eunuch the Good News, he baptized him and went on to his next assignment.

The story challenges us to check our connection to the one who provides the nourishment and enables us to do the will of God. In the metaphor of the vine and the branches Christ said that through his words the disciples had been disciplined and taught, barren branches had been removed, fruiting branches had been pruned to produce more fruit; but to continue to do God's will they must remain in Christ as He remained in them.

Baptized into Christ we abide in him and he also abides in us. He abides, lasts, endures, continues, holds on to us and in us in spite of our forgetting that we have been baptized into his life. And this is comforting, but the rest of the story is that it is essential that we bear fruit. For it is in the bearing of fruit that we enact our discipleship.

There has been for 200 years an effective ministry here in this place. Christ has remained here in his people through the bad times and the good times, through the conflicts and reconciliations. We have been richly blessed by the grace of God. As a result of the stewardship of the saints of this church generous bequests and memorial gifts have allowed us to do extra for ourselves, given substantially to mission here and at home and provide help for the handicapped. Our congregation has the reputation throughout presbytery of being an exceptional church in its commitment and stewardship, but we are a crossroads as are all other small churches. It is no longer sufficient to say the church is visible from the road, the door is open. There must be more intentionality in our reaching out.

In planning the exciting events of our bicentennial year we have the opportunity at the same time to begin planning for the future, to envision what our ministry might be in the next five years. On June 21 the elders and deacons will be having an all day retreat at which time they will look at and evaluate the mission study which was completed a year or two before Ted was called. They will consider what has changed, what has remained the same; if our strengths and weaknesses are the same; if any progress has been made on the goals that were set. If not, why not? Each committee will be asked to decide on one goal and determine how it can be accomplished. All the plans in the world will be of no avail; however, unless each and every member of

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the congregation remains connected to the vine.

How can we be assured that we will remain connected to the vine and continue to have a vital ministry here, in this place in the future?

1. By being constant in prayer, Bible study and worship;
2. By believing that each of us--not just the pastor, elders and deacons--has been given a special gift by the Holy Spirit according to God's grace to be used within the context of the faith community; that it is our responsibility to use it in obedience to God and the church's responsibility to affirm us in our gift, help us develop it and hold us accountable in its use;
3. By learning to articulate our own faith story which we all have and tell it along with The Story so that when the Holy Spirit puts into our path a seeker, eager to learn like the eunuch, we can open our mouths and help them in understanding. We may not have the gift of evangelist like Philip but we all have a role to play in sharing the Good News in expected or unexpected moments. Statistics show that many who are beginning to come to church now are those between the ages of 20-30. About 50% of them have not been brought up in a church tradition. It is important that lay people reach out to them for when lay people speak they listen, when ministers speak they are likely to turn off because it is the minister's "job";
4. By recognizing that we are as most churches a three generation church. We may have more of one generation than the others but we still are a three generation church, and each generation has its own take on the past, the present and the future. We, therefore, need to be willing to try new things, to combine the traditional with the contemporary;
5. By looking at our community with wide angle lenses, by extending the boundaries. The important message of our passage to Luke's readers was that the Good News had been extended to a foreign country. As we drive down Rte. 45 on our way to church and look across at Fairbrook it is obvious that more homes are being constructed and more retirement communities are being built in State College. Are we ready to get up and go?
6. By letting God prune those things which clog up our connection. The biases, prejudices, ideas that "we tried that and it didn't work", fear of change. You know that just a small change can make a difference. Moving the nursery out of the kitchen and making an attractive yet simple area for the little ones has made a difference and could open the door to reach out to young families.

We are always remembering the past, rejoicing in the present and looking forward to the future with

hope. Most notably every time we celebrate the Lord's Supper.

These Sundays between Easter and Pentecost are poised between remembrance and expectations. We remember the Spirit's power in Jesus resurrection and anticipate the coming of the Holy Spirit and its power at Pentecost. The church in essence is poised between Christ's resurrection and his coming again. There is remembrance and expectation in our passage. The activity of the Holy Spirit reminds us that Philip's past was the Old Testament and the future was the spread of the church as he went on to evangelize and offer hospitality to Paul and others.

We are poised between remembrance and expectation. Remembering those in the past who were guided by the Holy Spirit while they ministered in this place we rejoice for the opportunity to serve through the power of the same Spirit in the present and we look forward with hope to the future. We trust that by being constant in prayer, Bible Study and worship the same Spirit will open our minds and hearts to the vision and call that God has for us in the years to come. By using the gifts we have been given by the grace of God, sharing the Good News with those who are searching for understanding, being sensitive to the needs of all generations and open to change we will continue to abide in Christ as he abides in us and bear fruit for the glory of God. Amen

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***A Note from Peggy Kendall:***

*In 1982 there were more than 15 churches in Huntingdon Presbytery without pastors. There were few retired ministers or ministers serving in other than pastoral positions living in the area. It was therefore difficult for sessions to supply the pulpit on a Sunday morning with an ordained person who had been trained in the skills of preaching and leading worship. As a result of my serving on Presbytery committees and being Vice Moderator of Presbytery I had visited and worked with many of the pastorless churches and empathized with them in their situation. Several lay persons expressed an interest in being trained as lay preachers and with the support of several clergy Huntingdon Presbytery held its first class in 1982. We were commissioned in March of 1983. There have been two more classes since then. In 1987 I, along with eight others, was trained and approved to administer the Lord's Supper.*

*At first there was some resistance to a lay person assuming the responsibility of a clergy person in the pulpit, and there were some who definitely believed that a woman 'should not be in the pulpit.' However, we have gradually been accepted and now*

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*the congregations as a whole appreciate the service  
we offer and receive us with warmth and gratitude.  
Serving as lay preacher has allowed me the  
opportunity to get to know many people throughout  
the Presbytery, to understand the problems of the  
small congregations and to encourage them to look at*

*the future with hope trusting that God will be with  
them in their disappointments and in their joys.*

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## Bicentennial Events

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January 18	Kickoff at the Congregational Meeting
March 8	Guest Minister—John Davis. John served as stated supply in 1986 and 1987.
April 19	Sunday Evening of Special Music—The Rider Family
April 26	Guest Minister—Donald McIlvride. Don was pastor from September 1975 to June 1986.
May 10	Guest Minister—Donald Davis Don was pastor from July 1959 to November 1963.
May 24	Preparatory Service for Pentecost
May 31	Special Pentecost Service
June 13	Saturday Evening Strawberry Festival
June 23	The Church will host Huntingdon Presbytery
July 5	Guest Minister—David Crow David was pastor from January 1988 to May 1994
July 26	Old-fashioned picnic after worship
August 29 & 30	Bicentennial Weekend August 29—Afternoon (1:00-4:00 p.m.) at the Church with an Evening (6:30) Dinner at the Warriors Mark Firehall August 30—Special Worship Service followed by light refreshments.

### Bicentennial Committee Members

#### Steering Committee Co-chairs

Elna Hanly  
Jean Boyd

#### Finance

Jane Baney -Co-chair  
Carol Oliver -Co-chair  
David Burns  
Helen Henderson  
Lucille Houck  
Earl Lake  
Ron Carper  
Bob Oliver

#### Celebration

Elizabeth Lake - Co-chair  
Gladys Ellenberger - Co-chair  
Judy Black  
Mary Carper  
Peggy Kendall  
Relda Newlin  
Carol Oliver  
Betty Powley  
Eleanor Rudy

#### Memorabilia

Lorrie Behrer  
Joyce Burns  
Marjorie Wertz

#### History

Anne Wagner  
Ida Bresler  
Kirk Behrer  
Bernice Behrer  
John Behrer  
Miriam Judy

#### Book

Ruby Borders  
Roe Cunningham  
Ann Cunningham  
Lu Keller  
Georgia Schell





